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a lifetime*

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A message from the president

I begin by expressing thanksgiving and excitement on the election of Pope Francis, the first Jesuit elected to serve as the Bishop of Rome, and I believe those feelings are shared by many alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University. UDM has received much favorable attention and interest because of our Jesuit heritage; and it has given alumni and University Community members the opportunity to talk about UDM's Jesuit and Mercy Mission with a larger and very interested audience. My hope is that Pope Francis will shine an even brighter light on Catholic education across the world during his papacy.

As approximately 1,000 graduating students are days away from receiving their UDM degrees at the May 2013 commencements, it is a good time to recall another fast-paced year of the University's activities and accomplishments. Just like last year, we celebrated the centennial of another one of our highly regarded academic divisions, the School of Law. And only a few weeks later, the George J. Asher Law Clinic Center was formally opened. The new Center will give the School of Law faculty and students more space to assist even more community clients through its 10 pro bono law clinics, which are 48 years old and have a reputation as distinctive as the School of Law.

Next school year, we will recognize the centennial of UDM's Department of Education and also the 50th anniversary of the School of Architecture. UDM's School of Architecture is the only one in all of the 28 Jesuit and 16 Mercy colleges and universities. And in late September, we will be welcoming back alumni who are some of the world's most renowned architects. As more milestones are celebrated, please join us so that you can share your success with us and alumni in your respective fields. From the many conversations and meetings I have had with alumni locally and around the country, I know that you are proud of and attribute your professional and personal success to the well-rounded Jesuit and Mercy education you received at University of Detroit, Mercy College and/or University of Detroit Mercy.

UDM students are demonstrating their academic and athletic abilities and their individual and collective commitment to service through their studious efforts and volunteer activities locally and around the country. In March, 650 students were recognized at the annual Honors Convocations of their respective schools and colleges with awards for their scholastic achievements. With the assistance of the University Ministry Office, 30 students participated in weeklong Alternative Spring Break trips in March in Chicago, Detroit, Sacramento, Salem, W.Va., and Tuscaloosa. Our students volunteer for these service trips, which have a profound impact on them personally and spiritually, while also giving them experiences that others live every day. Many thanks to all of you who have underwritten the costs of some of these trips so that more UDM students can participate in them.

Our student-athletes have also performed well in the classroom and in their respective team sports. In January, 221 student-athletes (69%) who earned GPAs of 3.0 in the Fall 2012 semester were recognized and placed on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. And 115 (39%) of all UDM student-athletes earned GPAs of 3.5. Our students were equally as successful in their athletic contests.

Both the Men's and Women's Soccer teams won their regular season titles; the Women's Basketball team won the Women's Basketball Invitational; the Men's Basketball Team was selected for the NIT; and Titan Doug Anderson won the Denny's Slam Dunk Competition at the 2013 Final Four events.

If you have seen the *UDM Strategic Plan: 2012 -2017*, you will note that the fifth goal is "Amplify the University's Dynamic Strategic Engagement." The valuable contributions to the December 2012 Detroit Future City report by the School of Architecture's Detroit Collaborative Design Center, which will be 20 years old next year, is the best and most recent example of how the University lives out that goal as it helps to plan the city's strategic future. Similarly, over the last two years we have initiated numerous meetings with representatives of the city, state, economic development agencies, and foundations to demonstrate our intent to play a more pivotal role in strengthening the neighborhoods of our three campuses. Within the next few months, I look forward to sharing the details of a major collaborative initiative that will enhance the surrounding area of the McNichols Campus, particularly along Livernois Avenue from the Lodge Freeway to McNichols Avenue. This project may be the catalyst for a revival of more businesses and home owners around the campus.

The University's comprehensive fundraising campaign is picking up momentum, due to many alumni establishing endowed student scholarships. Thank you for those contributions; and please remember that if you begin or add to your existing scholarship, it will be matched with an additional 50 percent donation through the generous \$1 million pledge from the Stange Charitable Trust. This UDM Michigan Scholars Endowment program will allow us to recruit more highly talented Michigan students who will obtain their degrees from UDM.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Spiritus*, and thank you for your continued generosity to and support of the University.



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Class notes are also posted and updated regularly at the UDM Online Community. Spiritus can be found online by visiting www.udmercy.edu/spiritus.

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Please visit UDM on the web: www.udmercy.edu

UDM Mission Statement

The University of Detroit Mercy, a Catholic University in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, exists to provide excellent student-centered undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context. A UDM education seeks to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of students.

Masses, Chapels, and Other Services

All chapels are open for quiet reflection and personal meditation during school hours. People of all faiths are most welcome at the Catholic Masses listed below on our campuses.

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(year-round)

9 p.m., St. Ignatius Chapel, C&F Bldg. (Terms I & II)

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12 p.m., St. Ignatius Chapel, C&F Bldg. (year-round)

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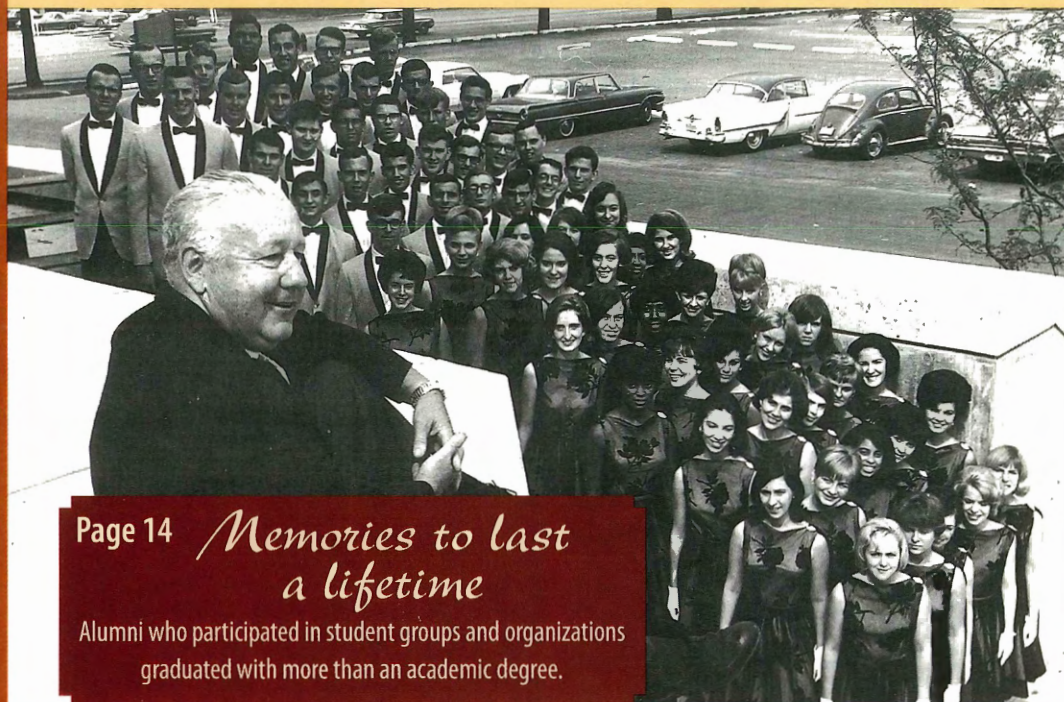
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Hall (Terms I & II, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday)

Watch a video about the St. Ignatius Chapel at www.udmercy.edu/ministry/pray/chapels.



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School of Law celebrates new home for legal clinics

The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law officially dedicated the George J. Asher Law Clinic Center on Dec. 11, 2012. The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception.

of space for the School's 10 legal aid clinics in downtown Detroit. Last year, more than 1,450 clients for whom legal services were otherwise unavailable were represented in the 10 clinics: Urban, Immigration,

Mortgage Foreclosure, Veterans/Project SALUTE, Veterans Appellate, Criminal Trial, Criminal Appellate, Youth Justice, and Mediation.

The new facility is located at 585 Larned Street, a half block from UDM's Riverfront Campus, which houses the School's Dowling Hall. Funding for the purchase of the property, as well as the extensive renovation of the

building, came from a principal gift made by UDM alumnus Anthony A. Asher '61, '65, managing partner of the law firm of Sullivan, Ward, Asher, & Patton, P.C., based in Southfield, Mich. Anthony Asher made the gift in memory of his brother, George J. Asher, who was a student at the School of Law when he passed away.

Additional support for the purchase and renovation of the building came from the heirs of Walter Buhl Ford III, who were the immediate past owners of the building, and the McGregor Fund. The building is known as Walter Buhl Ford III Hall.



(Above L to R) At the Dec. 11 ribbon-cutting ceremony, Student Bar Association President Daniel Gordon, Law Dean Lloyd Semple, Center benefactor Anthony A. Asher, UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi, UDM Board of Trustees Chair John D. Lewis and Law student Michael Glynn. View more photos from the event at lawschool.udmercy.edu/index.php/alumni/friends/photog/29-clinic-dedication#fwgallerytop.

The School purchased the historic Detroit Fire Department's Engine 2 in February 2012 and fully renovated the facility to serve as the new home for its law clinical programs. Although the building was used for many other purposes after it was sold by DFD, its historic character was preserved through spiral staircases, exterior red fire doors, and a lookout tower.

The facility's opening is in conjunction with two significant milestones this year, the 100th anniversary of the School's founding and the 47th anniversary of its first Urban Law Clinic. The two-story facility will provide more than 6,000 square feet

President Garibaldi is elected to boards of directors for NAICU and the Detroit Institute of Arts

UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi was formally appointed to the board of directors of the **National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities** (NAICU) in February at the NAICU Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. NAICU serves as the unified national voice of independent higher education. Since 1976, the association has represented private, nonprofit colleges and universities on policy issues with the federal government, such as those affecting student aid, taxation, and government regulation. President Garibaldi was also recently elected to the board of directors for the **Detroit Institute of Arts**, Michigan's premier art museum, located in downtown Detroit.

Four new members join Board of Trustees

University of Detroit Mercy's Board of Trustees recently elected four new members:



Brian Cloyd



Frank Davis



Michael Debs



Elizabeth Linehan, RSM

Brian Cloyd '73, '76 is vice president of Global Community Relations for Steelcase Inc., the global leader in the office furniture industry. He currently is responsible for coordinating Steelcase's efforts in the areas of diversity, government relations and public policy, corporate relations, community giving and volunteer programs.

Frank Davis '86 is executive director, North America Engineering for Ford Motor Company. He is responsible for driving consistency and efficiency in global engineering standards, policies and practices for product programs in North America.

Michael Debs is senior vice president, controller and chief accounting officer for Kelly Services, Inc., a workforce solutions leader, headquartered in Troy, Mich. He is responsible for overseeing Kelly's finance systems and controls, all corporate accounting, financial reporting, and budgeting activities for Kelly globally, as well as financial operations for the Outsourcing and Consulting group.

Elizabeth Linehan, RSM, is an associate professor of Philosophy at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Prior to that role, she chaired the Philosophy Department for 15 years.

UDM signs agreement with WCCCD to offer classes in Harper Woods

Advanced Courses in Finance, Education, Health Care and Math to be Provided at Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) University Center

A memorandum of understanding signed by University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) and WCCCD creates new pathways for students to earn advanced degrees close to home. The new agreement allows students to take advanced courses from UDM in a variety of subjects either at WCCCD's University Center (Harper Woods) or online. This convenient eastside location provides students in the St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe and Grosse Pointe communities an easier way to complete their degrees.

The UDM courses and degrees include a graduate certificate in finance; bachelor's programs in health information management and social work; and master's degree programs in educational administration, curriculum and instruction, and mathematics teaching.

"We're excited to be partnering with University of Detroit Mercy on offering new roads to higher education and rewarding careers," said WCCCD

Chancellor Curtis L. Ivery. "Our mission has always been to provide pathways to a better life through higher education. Partnering with an institution of the caliber of UDM only enhances that mission."

"This new collaboration between UDM and WCCCD will allow more students to take UDM courses and complete their respective degrees or certificate programs in their entirety on the east side," said UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi. "We are very pleased to make available select undergraduate and graduate degree programs at WCCCD's University Center through this unique partnership."

UDM's programs began in January 2013 for the Winter semester at WCCCD's University Center. For program information, visit www.udmercy.edu/learn/colleges-schools/wcccd or call 800-635-5020.



At the Nov. 21 signing, (Back row L to R) UDM Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs Pamela Zarkowski, WCCCD Eastern Campus President Sandra Truitt Robinson, (Front row L to R) UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi, WCCCD Chancellor Curtis Ivery.

udmercy.edu/learn/colleges-schools/wcccd or call 800-635-5020.

University of Detroit Mercy joins University of Michigan-Flint, Walsh College, Ferris State University and Michigan State University in offering classes towards advanced degrees at WCCCD's University Center. The Center is located at 19305 Vernier Road in Harper Woods.

New UDM Michigan Scholars Endowment Fund to help Michigan students attend college

University of Detroit Mercy has established the Michigan Scholars Endowment Fund to increase the enrollment of academically talented Michigan students. Through the generosity of The Mary G. Stange Charitable Trust, which has pledged a \$1 million challenge grant, UDM has begun to raise a match of \$2 million for this newly created endowment fund. This 1:2 challenge grant will match gifts of all sizes for this endowment fund.

"Throughout its 135-year history, University of Detroit Mercy's mission has always focused on students making a difference in their communities and our world," said UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi. "With the support of The Stange Charitable Trust, we will be able to keep

more of our highly talented students in Michigan and have them obtain their bachelor's degree from UDM."

When the challenge has concluded, at least \$3 million will have been raised to provide significant scholarship support for highly talented Michigan students. The challenge solicitation period began July 1, 2012 and will conclude on Dec. 31, 2014. University of Detroit Mercy's focus on raising funds for scholarships and endowment gifts such as the Michigan Scholars Endowment Fund will be significant components of its upcoming comprehensive campaign.



For more information on this challenge grant, please contact Barbara Milbauer, interim vice president for University Advancement, 313-993-1025, milbaubs@udmercy.edu.



Friends in need

Campus Kitchen provides healthy meals for our neighbors in need

by Liz Cezat, special writer

Start with a national food-harvesting organization. Mix together UDM students eager to volunteer. Round up fresh extra food from area partners. Cook as needed and combine with other prepared food to make nutritious meals in the UDM Campus Kitchen after hours. Then, deliver the fresh meals to a local shelter, homebound seniors and families in need. Repeat on a weekly basis. This is the recipe for the successful "Campus Kitchen at UDM" (CKUDM), which was launched in January 2011, the first such program in the state.

Campus Kitchen Project, the national organization, seeks to empower the next generation of leaders to implement innovative models for combating hunger, developing food systems, and helping communities help themselves.

The program has grown to become one of UDM's most successful community outreach efforts. Partnering agencies—St. Gregory the Great Church, Martin Park District Association and Peggy's Place (an area shelter for women and children, run by COTS)—identify individuals and families in need of prepared meals. Weekly, about 100 meals are delivered to 20 individuals in their homes and 30 women and children at the shelter.

The national project has received 'super-sized' acclaim from recipients and partners alike. The fresh food is locally sourced from area partners: UDM (and food vendor Sodexo), U of D Jesuit High School and Center for Creative Studies. Food is gathered from

what's been made but not served. For example, if the tacos were a hit but no one touched the spaghetti, what wasn't put on the food line can be utilized. Gleaners Community Food Bank also provides food for the project.

The gleaned food is combined with other food that is cooked by students in the UDM kitchen on Saturday mornings. Then, students ride together to deliver the meals (two meals per recipient) to Peggy's Place, and residential homes, most owned by seniors, in neighborhoods to the south and east of UDM's McNichols Campus.

Delving further into the "ingredients" of the program, meals must be balanced and contain a protein, starch, vegetable and dessert (or fruit).

"In the past, we've donated canned goods and other food to different organizations to help alleviate hunger," said Tim Hipskind, S.J., director of Service Learning. "Many people think that hunger only happens in places like Africa. But it's right here too, in our own neighborhoods. Now we are doing our own program to serve this need."

Amy Meldrum, student co-director of the program with Faith Trotter, says the project is a great outlet for her interest in nutrition and enables her to feed the hungry. "Recipients like to see students come up to their door to deliver the food. It gives them some social interaction, too. They want to know about the students," said Meldrum, a biochemistry major.

Perrier Greene, student vice president for community partner relations, has been with CKUDM since it started on campus. He is one of six students on the leadership team. He keeps things lively on the delivery runs. Greene knows what it's like to be hungry because, as a young teen, he and his family had to get food from a soup kitchen during some tough times. Now the psychology major, who plans to work in Detroit Public Schools, has high praise for this volunteer effort. "I really love it," he said. "I have a passion for seeing the small things that people can do to affect the human condition."

Drew Peters, University Ministry, is part of the advisory team. He notes that students who participate get credit toward their student-learning requirement. UDM student organizations also require members to do five hours of volunteering each semester. Each weekend, around 10 volunteers help prepare and deliver the food.

"This has been a great thing to draw out the generosity of students and faculty at UDM," said Fr. Hipskind. "It's also been the doorway for further engagement with the community."



(Above) Students prepare healthy meals in UDM's Campus Kitchen. (Left) The meals are delivered to local neighbors and shelters. Each week, about 100 meals are delivered to 20 individuals in their homes and 30 women and children at Peggy's Place (an area shelter for women and children, run by COTS).

Make a difference

You can make a difference in the lives of our students by making an annual gift to University of Detroit Mercy. Annual contributions to the University allow us to channel resources where they are most needed including:

- Scholarship Support
- Academic Programs
- Service Learning
- Facilities Enhancements

UDM's mission is based on providing a student-centered education within an urban context following the traditions of the Jesuits and Sisters of Mercy. With your help, the same traditions of excellence will continue to shape our current students, just as they helped those who came before them.

Ongoing support from our alumni and friends influences our ability to create an environment that allows UDM students to grow and become well rounded individuals who will be leaders in their professions and communities.

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DETROIT FUTURE CITY

UDM's Detroit Collaborative Design Center creates a blueprint for Detroit's new reality

University of Detroit Mercy's Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC), part of the School of Architecture, was instrumental in crafting the Detroit Future City strategic framework plan, which has been endorsed with a \$150,000,000 pledge from the Kresge Foundation.

In July of 2011, DCDC was selected by both the Kresge and Ford Foundations to lead a renewed effort to engage residents and key stakeholders in the city of Detroit to actively participate in the planning phase of Mayor Dave Bing's

"Detroit Works Project Long Term Planning" Initiative. From November of 2011 through December of 2012, the Detroit Collaborative Design Center, led by Associate Professor of Architecture Dan Pitera, guided a collaborative effort to fully engage all citizens and community leaders in a dynamic conversation that was instrumental in shaping Detroit Future City strategic framework. Over this time period, the University has received approximately \$2,000,000 from the Ford Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in support of this process.

The Design Center's contribution to the Detroit Works Long Term Planning Project, now entering a new phase under the name "Detroit Future City," has been crucial to the project's success. One of the key characteristics of this process, in contrast to typical urban redevelopment plans of the past, is the unprecedented level of meaningful community engagement that was built into the process.

The plan will certainly prove to be transformational in the evolution of Detroit in terms of the impact it will have on future land use,

Plan suggests new uses for Detroit's vacant land and existing economic opportunities

The Strategic Framework Plan for Detroit's "healthy and vibrant future" is complete, and the plan will serve as a blueprint for the economic, social and physical redevelopment of Detroit. According to Associate Professor of Architecture Dan Pitera, who with UDM's Detroit Collaborative Design Center led the community engagement process, the plan

will help guide the city's future in six key areas: economic growth, city systems (water, electricity, transportation), land use, public land, neighborhoods, civic engagement.

"The plan is designed to amplify and realign existing efforts and assets that are in place," said Pitera.

The long-term plan blends respondents' ideas with research and data. It establishes metrics and goals around 14 quality of life categories, which include jobs, education, transportation and health.

"Our economy has been perceived as being a single economy—the auto industry," Pitera said. "However, it's much more poly-economic. There are four economic clusters driving the region's economy. We have the ninth largest education and medical sector in the country, along with a new economy, targeted industry and local entrepreneurs."

One example of targeted industry is food system development, which includes urban farming, locally produced food products, and food distribution.



prosperity, and quality of life for Detroit's residents; and in the arena of urban design and urban planning, it is certain to receive global recognition for the groundbreaking nature of the Design Center-led community engagement process.

The Center co-authored the plan, reaching out to people in the community 163,000 times and had more than 30,700 meaningful interactions.

"People are our greatest asset," said Pitera. "And it's the people who will define the vision of the project. We didn't come in with an idea of what the end result would look like. The vision is being created by the Detroit community, through the process of engagement", he added.

The expertise of the Design Center

staff has developed over the past 19 years and has earned a global reputation for setting the highest standard for the meaningful participation of stakeholders in various projects. DCDC has completed hundreds of projects over the years that have been guided by an exemplary community participation process. With the Detroit Works Project, that expertise has evolved remarkably to engage the entire city in order to give Detroiters a meaningful voice and ownership in the process of envisioning new potentials for the city.

One of the most important successes of the civic engagement process so far is that the collaborative work of the Design Center has helped to knit together the beginnings of

a strategic coalition of community leaders that will be crucial for the implementation of these ideas. Dozens of key community leaders in the public, private and philanthropic communities have already come together to help craft the plan, and those networks of collaboration will be extremely valuable as the project moves forward.

As the Detroit Future City initiative now moves into various stages of implementation, the Design Center will continue to play a vital role in the process and the ongoing conversations with all Detroiters. Their expertise will also be instrumental in helping neighborhood groups and non-profits develop project plans on a more local scale.

"We need the mechanisms in place to allow all industries to survive," Pitera noted. "For example, the city has no zoning for farms. Many respondents called for a unified economic development plan with the proper zoning and a unified method of doing civic engagement. There needs to be a better method to coordinate agencies so they work together," Pitera said.

For land use, there is a set of building blocks to reshape neighborhoods rather than eliminate them. The building blocks offer a variety of residential types

(apartments, condos, single-family homes) several industry configurations (retail, light industry, "green" industry), and various landscape features (farms, fields, trees, ponds). Some of the urban ponds could expand across blocks of empty neighborhoods, providing an attractive water feature and storm drainage.

"The plan won't be judged by economic growth alone; it contains elements to improve the quality of life of all Detroiters," he added. "The intrinsic value is that it is a plan by Detroiters for Detroit."



Read the detailed plan at detroitworksproject.com

News from the **SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE****Architecture to celebrate 50th anniversary**

The School of Architecture (SOA) traces its roots to the establishment of the Department of Architectural Engineering within the College of Engineering in 1922. In 1957, Lawrence J. Green, S.J., was able to transform the curriculum and re-title the program as the Department of Architecture. From 1961 to 1963, Professor Bruno Leon served as chair and began the transformation of the program into an autonomous School of Architecture. In 1964, the degree was accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, and Bruno Leon was named the School's first dean. Throughout the past 50 years, the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture has produced graduates who are uniquely qualified to lead and serve in their communities.

To celebrate the School of Architecture's accomplishments over more than half a century as we look forward to a bright future, the School is planning a number of exciting events to give our students, faculty, alumni, and friends several opportunities to mark this wonderful occasion.

The 50th Anniversary Dinner will be held Friday, Sept. 27th and will include several award presentations and many special guests. This will be preceded by a keynote lecture



Warren Loranger Architecture Building

offered by **James Timberlake '74** on the 26th. Please check the SOA website (architecture.udmercy.edu) for more information, and plan to return to Detroit and to campus for these events.

In addition to the School's anniversary, the Detroit Collaborative Design Center is looking forward to celebrating its 20th Anniversary. During those years, the School's reputation has been greatly enhanced by its outreach in the community through the work of staff and students working collaboratively with many local community groups.

News from the **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****CBA alumna to receive honorary doctorate**

Jane Kay Nugent '48, a College of Business Administration (CBA) alumna and retired vice president of Administration at Detroit Edison (now DTE Energy), will receive an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from UDM at the 2013 Commencement ceremony.

Nugent received a bachelor's degree in Personnel Management from the University of Detroit. She was among the first to be granted a Certified Administrative Manager designation by the Administrative Management Society, and also earned the designation of Accredited Executive in Personnel. She participated in the nation's first management development program for women at Cornell University, and subsequently presented a similar program in major cities across the country. She also taught at Cornell, University of Detroit, University of Michigan, and Wayne State University, and authored numerous articles for business and human resources publications. Among numerous industry awards and distinctions, including the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, the University recognized her with the President's Cabinet Award and the Alumna of the Year in 1981 and the College of Business Administration Hall of Honor in 2008.



Jane Kay Nugent '48

College Updates:

- **CBA graduate certificate programs are now Gainful Employment Programs** The U.S. Department of Education identified UDM's graduate certificate program in Ethical Leadership & Change Management and the graduate certificate program in Finance as programs that lead to gainful employment. Students pursuing these certificates, as well as the Business Turnaround Management (BTM) certificate program, are eligible to apply for federal financial aid. The Finance certificate is offered both on campus and at the WCCCD University Center in Harper Woods. The BTM certificate is offered online.
- **27th Annual Super Bowl Ad Nauseam** Marketing Professor Mike Bernacchi hosted the 27th annual Super Bowl Ad Nauseam on Feb. 4. More than 200 high school students from the Detroit metropolitan area spent the morning on the UDM campus, attending information sessions in business, nursing, engineering, and digital media studies.

- **CBA alumni speak to students during Alumni Week, March 18-22.**

As in the past, prominent corporate executives who have graduated from the College of Business Administration provided guest lectures in many CBA courses. The Keynote Event was a panel discussion on the value of diversity to businesses. The moderator was **Marilyn French Hubbard**, founder of the Association for Black Women Entrepreneurs and former vice president/chief diversity officer of the Henry Ford Health System. The panelists included **Ina Fernandez '74**, managing director of Liberty Capital, **Jean-Paul Meutcheho '98**, director of Corporate Sustainability for Global Advanced Metals, and **Feras Shammami '97, '00, '01**, vice president of J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. The Keynote Event was sponsored by the Chrysler Corporation.

- **New business scholarships** The College is pleased to announce several new scholarships, funded by alumni donations. Beginning this year, the **Gary T. MacLean Scholarship** will be awarded annually to an Accounting student. Gary T. MacLean '65 is a partner at MacLean Proppe MacLean and Darnell PC; **The Thomas F. Russell Scholarship** for a business major has been endowed with a \$100,000 bequest by the late Thomas F. Russell '48, former president, chief executive officer, and chairman of Federal Mogul and a member of the CBA Hall of Honor. **The Joseph and Margaret Kloka Endowed Scholarship** will alternate between business and engineering students. In addition, the **Rev. Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J., Endowed Scholarship**, funded by alumni donations and named in honor of Fr. Cavanagh, who serves as the Charles T. Fisher III Chair of Business Ethics, was awarded this spring. The Cavanagh Scholarship recognizes students for outstanding contributions of service learning.
- **CBA alumni represent UDM at college fairs** This spring, **Jamero Hatter '05** and **Dave Ellis '00** represented UDM at college fairs in their hometowns, Chicago and Cincinnati, respectively. Hatter is fixed operations manager at Nissan North America. Ellis is sourcing manager for Airfoil Castings at GE Aviation.
- **CBA launches new advertising campaign.** The College launched an ambitious new marketing campaign, featuring print, radio, television, and online advertisements. The television ad aired during March basketball tournament games and is the first ever to focus specifically on the CBA. Radio sponsor ads were aired on Detroit's National Public Radio, WDET-AM.

Read about these stories and more news from the College of Business Administration, including faculty updates, at business.udmercy.edu.

School Updates:

- **Studio renovations continue** Plans will continue this summer for renovations to many of the studio spaces. Thanks to the generous support of many individuals, especially alumni, as well as several leading local architecture firms, the School has raised approximately \$370,000 to date to fund this important project. The School also completed the fabrication of a custom drafting table prototype that has been well received by students, and plans are under way for renovations that will focus on the studios on the 2nd floor of the building. Students will surely appreciate and enjoy these improvements. Thank you to those of who have given so generously to the project.
- **Volterra renovations almost complete** Renovations are nearing completion on an extraordinary new facility in Volterra, Italy. Most renovations were completed in early April with furnishings and finishing touches expected to be completed for the arrival of our students in early May. A strong cohort of 10 architecture students and 9 honors students from the College of Liberal Arts & Education will soon be the proud inaugural class of the Volterra International Residential College.

- **Architectural Design Summer Camp 2013** This exciting, educational, and, innovative summer program is a one-week (June 24 – June 28, 2013) commuter camp for students currently enrolled in the 9th–12th grades who are interested in gaining exposure to the world of Architecture. Students will be introduced to fundamental concepts of architecture, design, and engineering through a variety of hands-on projects while working within a university studio environment. Under the leadership of professors of architecture, individuals will design and model a small scale intervention with emphasis placed on the relationship between form, structure, and the surrounding environment. By the end of the week, students will have completed a project, which they will present at a reception for all participants and their guests. The cost of this program is \$300. A \$50 nonrefundable registration fee is due upon acceptance into the program. The remaining \$250 is due no later than May 24th. For further information, contact Professor Gilbert Sunghera, S.J., at gilbert.sunghera@udmercy.edu, or call the Architecture Office at 313-993-1532.

Read about these stories and more news from the School of Architecture, including faculty updates, at architecture.udmercy.edu.

News from the COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

Alumni honored at Slide Rule Dinner

The College of Engineering & Science (CES) awarded **Andrew Brown Jr. '78**, vice president & chief technologist at Delphi Automotive Systems, with the Engineering Alumnus of the Year; and **Charles R. Hermes, M.D. '52**, retired plant medical director at General Motors Company, with the Science Alumnus of the Year at the 81st Annual Slide Rule Dinner on March 23.



Andrew Brown, Jr.



Charles R. Hermes, M.D.

opportunities for students to work with a greater diversity of companies while permitting them to return to a company for subsequent co-op assignments. It will also allow students to become more engaged in campus activities including student organizations (e.g. student chapters in engineering societies), intercollegiate sports, the Honors program and others, while allowing most engineering students to graduate in May in line with employment opportunities and the practice at other similar educational institutions.

- **Summer camps** The College's pre-college program is offering a number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) summer camp programs for 8th–12th graders from the Detroit metropolitan area to explore careers in science and engineering, including the Product Development Innovation Camp, the Ford-UDM/GT CATIA V6 Innovation Summer Program and Camp INFINITY. For more information, call 313-993-1435.
- **Mancelona Project** Professor Alan Hoback and Associate Professor Alexa Rihana-Abdallah, (Civil, Architectural, Environmental Engineering) are involved in an exciting environmental research project to remediate a trichloroethylene plume in Mancelona, Mich. with other researchers from Michigan Technological University, Freshwater Future, and Dow Chemical. This plume extends 5.4 miles and pollutes nearly 13 trillion gallons of groundwater and threatens drinking water for this rural community. While efforts are under way to address this problem, the plume continues to vent into Cedar River with eventual discharge into Lake Michigan. The collaboration will model the extent of the plume and assess the detrimental environment, health and economic impacts. It will also investigate innovative technology to remedy the situation through implementation with the help of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
- **Transit Research** Professor of Mechanical Engineering Leo Hanifin is leading a group of faculty from engineering, math, architecture and law on six transit projects. These include three research projects, a K-12 outreach project, a workshop and a graduate course. All of these projects will contribute substantively to the understanding and development of effective regional transit by the public transit leaders and future transit professionals. The total funding for these projects exceeds \$900,000.

Read about these stories and more news from the College of Engineering & Science, including faculty updates, at eng-sci.udmercy.edu.

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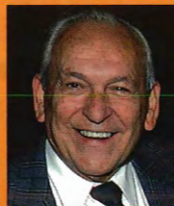
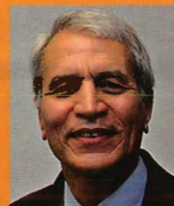
- **U.S. News & World Report ranks UDM's engineering program one of America's Top 100** UDM's undergraduate engineering program placed in the top 100 undergraduate engineering non-doctorate programs in the 2013 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges.
- **New Bachelor's in Robotics and Mechatronic Systems Engineering** The College launched the new Bachelor's in Robotics and Mechatronic Systems Engineering last fall. One of the first of its kind in the nation, this degree directly addresses our national interests in defense and security, customized manufacturing, elder care and assistive technology, and the automation of household tasks. Flexible and multi-technological, the program reinforces key concepts via hands-on projects in every semester throughout the four-year degree. A fully integrated cooperative education program provides students with a full year of engineering employment and ensures a practical and relevant degree. In the coming decades, the design and development of intelligent and flexible products will play an increasingly critical role in maintaining the economic vitality of our nation. Focusing on robotics, and with exposure to the broader class of mechatronic systems, students will have highly marketable skills valued by employers in automotive, aerospace, healthcare, manufacturing, and defense industries.
- **Co-op changes to all summer format in summer 2013** CES is switching to an all-summer Co-op program for nearly all engineering students starting with a phase-in period in the summer of 2013. This will increase the number of

News from the **SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY****Dental Alumni Board announces 2013 Alumni Award recipients**

The Dental Alumni Board of Directors are pleased to announce the 2013 Alumni Award recipients. These prestigious alumni awards were presented at the annual Alumni Day on April 26, 2013. The Alumnus of the Year is **Robert Legel, D.D.S. '54**. The Allied Alumnus of the year is **Colleen Kuxhaus '73, '84, '10**, and the Honorary Alumnus of the Year is **Sherif Badr, D.D.S.** The Alumni-of-the-Year Awards Committee is seeking candidates for the 2014 Alumni Awards. Visit dental.udmercy.edu/alumni/awards for information about submitting a nomination.

UDM Dental helps local children through "Give Kids a Smile"

Many children in Detroit have a lot more to smile about. With the help of dentists, dental hygienists, faculty, staff and students, the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry provided free oral health care services to more than 150 children from low-income families on Feb. 2, hosted by the School of Dentistry on the School's Corktown Campus. Designed for children ages four through 16, "Give Kids A Smile" has been a success for the past decade. The children get comprehensive dental care on the day

**Robert Legel, D.D.S.****Colleen Kuxhaus****Sherif Badr, D.D.S.**

and are provided vouchers to come back to the UDM Dental Clinic to continue the free care thereafter. Participants take home a free oral health kit containing toothpaste and floss. This year's program received a \$5,000 grant from the Delta Dental Foundation.

Continuing education courses available

The School is pleased to offer an exciting lineup of courses. To register, or for complete course information including course tuition and descriptions, please visit dental.udmercy.edu/ce

For more news on the School of Dentistry, including faculty updates, visit dental.udmercy.edu/

News from the **COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS****Faculty make medical mission trip to Guyana**

A team of College of Health Professions (CHP) faculty traveled with physicians and other health care professionals to South America earlier this month for a medical mission to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Georgetown, Guyana.

During the week of March 4, the group provided a wide variety of services at the hospital, including direct care like surgeries and medical assessments, as well as educational lectures, training and administrative assistance for the hospital. The trip will also prepare the College of Health Professions to take students on future missions.

UDM faculty on the mission included Associate Professor Maureen Anthony, Assistant Professor Jean Gash and Professor Carla Groh from the McAuley School of Nursing, and Associate Professor of Health Services & Health Services Administration Mary Kelly, RSM.



Nursing Professor Carla Groh, left, is thanked by a student after giving a lecture to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Nursing School in Georgetown, Guyana.

College Updates:

- **Nursing Students Record Oral Histories of Area Elders** Forty undergraduate Nursing students are interviewing and recording the oral histories of 15 African-American elders residing at the Samaritan Manor, a long-term residential skilled nursing facility in Detroit. The students will be trained to perform elder-specific life reviews by utilizing the StoryCorps method. When completed, the residents will be presented with an edited digital copy of their oral history and a scrapbook. Digital copies will be submitted to the StoryCorps project for archival within the American Folk life section of the Library of Congress.
- **Nurse Anesthesia pass rates remain high** UDM Nurse Anesthesia students have a 93 percent first-attempt pass rate on the national certification examination, which is higher than the national average (89%).
- **Senior Seminar** The UDM Nurse Anesthesia program broke all attendance records

at its annual Senior Seminar, held in November at the Motor City Casino Hotel. Over 240 alumni, CRNAs in the community, and prospective applicants attended five hours of continuing education lectures on morbid obesity, chronic pain, and other topics of interest to nurse anesthetists. Proceeds from the Seminar support students' professional development, and the CHP Simulation lab.

- **Service** All UDM Nurse Anesthesia students perform eight or more hours of community volunteer work in their senior year. For example, eight students served as route volunteers during a local 5K/10K run to benefit A Mother's Wish, an organization assisting victims of breast cancer. The volunteer leader for the organization said, "I can't believe the anesthesia students. They will do anything you ask and they are such a huge help. They were amazing, very gracious and willing to do anything for the charity event". UDM Nurse Anesthesia students are also very involved in overseas medical missions. In all, 20 of 40 graduates in the last two years administered anesthesia in the Philippines, India, east Africa, the Caribbean, and Central America.
- **New HIM courses** The Health Information Management (HIM) offered four HIM 1090 Clinical Informatics courses for the BSN completion program, plus HIM 2050 Medical Terminology and HIM 3350 Clinical Data and Health Information Needs. In Fall 2013, another four HIM 1090 Clinical Informatics courses for the BSN completion program will be offered, plus HIM 3650 Health Reimbursement Systems Management, HIM 3700 Coding Systems, HIM 2600 Epidemiology and the Management of Vital Health Data, and HIM 2800 Pharmacotherapy for HIM Professionals.
- **CHP at WCCCD** The HIM department began participating in the University Center at Wayne County Community College District. The advertising associated with this relationship between UDM and WCCCD has generated interest in students not only in the program at WCCCD University Center but at the McNichols Campus also.
- **American College of Healthcare Executives Scholarship Awardee** Master of Health Services Administration student Simran Gill was awarded a \$5000 scholarship. She is one of only 14 students to receive this prestigious award.

Read about these stories and more news from the College of Health Professions and McAuley School of Nursing, including faculty updates, at healthprofessions.udmercy.edu.

News from the SCHOOL OF LAW

Gov. Snyder gives keynote address at Law Review Symposium

Relevant, timely, unique, insightful, visionary. These are some of the words used by attendees to describe UDM's recent Law Review symposium entitled, *Global Michigan: Immigration and Economic Growth*, which featured Michigan Governor Rick Snyder as the keynote speaker. U.S. Rep. **Gary Peters '84** also provided his singular perspective as the son of an immigrant. Leading policy makers and distinguished academics—drawn from across the U.S. and Canada—also discussed how Detroit and Michigan could best use immigration as a tool of economic development.

The symposium stepped away from the heated debates over border security and undocumented immigration and examined, in depth, how immigration can significantly enhance the economic well-being of all residents of Detroit and Michigan. Governor Snyder delivered a clear message to immigrants: "Please come here." Governor Snyder's remarks echoed the theme of the UDM symposium that bringing more immigrants into the state is one of the keys to driving economic growth.

"People think they're taking jobs," Governor Snyder said, "but the reality is that they create jobs." He also noted, "Immigration and economic development, they go hand in hand. Open the welcome mat."

Professor David Koelsch of UDM Law, who helped organize the forum, said the event was done to "focus on immigrants as a positive force" for Detroit and Michigan. Michigan is the only state to have lost population over the last decade, and immigrants play an important role in developing the area. "Michigan is poised to take full advantage of the economic benefits of immigration," said Koelsch, and he noted that "UDM and our other universities

attract the best and brightest international students, Michigan is home to dozens of large multinational corporations with global work forces, and Michigan offers a quality of life and affordability that is very attractive to foreign nationals." As with UDM's leading role in the Detroit Works/Detroit Future City project, the symposium demonstrates UDM's commitment to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of Detroit and Michigan.

For more news on the School of Law, including faculty updates, visit law.udmercy.edu.

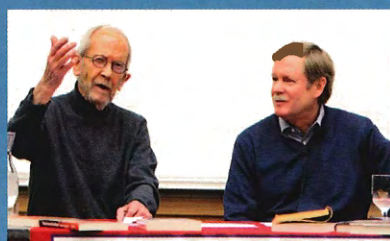


Michigan Governor Rick Snyder was the keynote speaker for the UDM Law Review Symposium on March 8, 2013.

News from the COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & EDUCATION

Renowned writers Elmore Leonard and son Peter Leonard visit campus

College of Liberal Arts & Education (CLAE) alumnus **Elmore Leonard '50** returned to UDM Feb. 27 with his son Peter Leonard for a lecture followed by a question and answer session and book signing. The event was attended by more than 150 alumni, students, faculty and staff.



Elmore Leonard '50 (left) and his son Peter Leonard

Elmore Leonard studied Philosophy and English at University of Detroit and earned his bachelor's degree in 1950. In 1997, UDM awarded Leonard with an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. He was also awarded the UDM Alumni Achievement Award in 2007, and in 2010, CLAE inducted Leonard into its Hall of Honor. An author of more than 45 novels/screenplays, Leonard is currently executive producer for the television show *Justified* on FX, based on his novel "Fire in the Hole".

Leonard discussed his latest novel "Raylan"—the fourth installment of his mystery and crime series—as well as his life and career as a writer. Similar to his father, Peter Leonard is also a successful writer and has written six novels, including his most recent work, "Voices of the Dead" and "Back from the Dead."

Watch the YouTube video of their talk at www.udmercy.edu/leonards.

College Updates:

• **Briggs Building renovation** Beginning in June, the first two levels of the Briggs Building, the primary classroom space in the College of Liberal Arts & Education, will undergo major face lifts. The lockers in the first-level hallways, a heritage of an earlier time, will be removed and replaced by laptop bars, built-in seating, big-screen monitors announcing college events and playing student video projects and worldwide news, eye-catching displays, color panels, individualized lighting and computer plug-ins. Furthermore, a new student lounge will be created on the ground level, allowing students a comfortable place to study and socialize between classes.

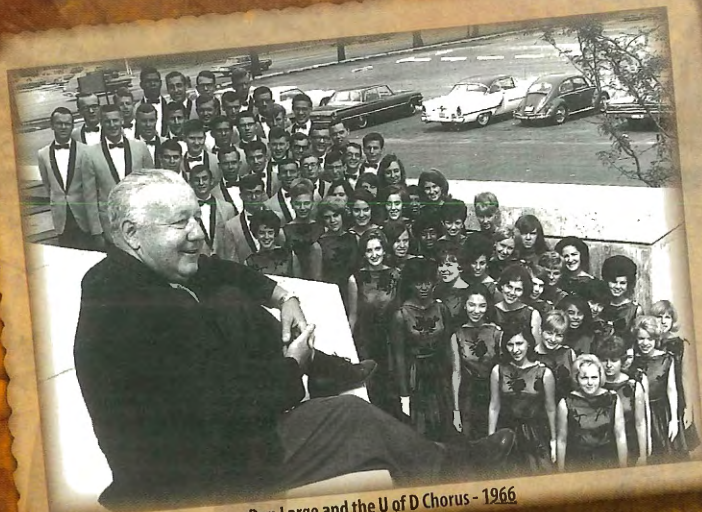
This renovation will be the first phase of a projected multi-stage effort that will

modernize the most heavily used academic building on the McNichols Campus and will immediately impact students from all disciplines, as most core curriculum classes are held in Briggs. Be a part of this effort to give Briggs a "new look." Please contact CLAE Director of Development Dennis Carlesso to discuss ways you can help at 313-993-1429 or dennis.carlesso@udmercy.edu.

The renovation of Briggs is made possible by gifts from several alumni donors, especially by a portion of a significant planned gift from the estate of the late **Catherine Caraher '53, '62**. Caraher served CLAE as professor and chair of History and associate dean in a career that spanned nearly three decades. Her gift will also allow scholarships to help undergraduate and graduate students attend UDM.

- **Community Service** Thanks to the efforts of **Michael DiGiovanni '70, '72**, former executive director of global markets and industry analysis at GM, and now an Instructor in Economics, UDM will participate in the GM Student Corps this summer. This is a million-dollar effort by GM to employ 110 promising student leaders from 11 local Network of Excellence high schools to work with UDM student interns and GM retirees on cleanup and improvement projects throughout the city. GM is providing \$50,000 for stipends and camera equipment to Communication Studies for the documentation process.
- **New Programs** The College unveiled five new undergraduate minors during the 2012–2013 academic year. A new minor in Education is aimed at individuals not seeking teaching certification but who train individuals in the workplace. Four other new minors include Economics, Financial Economics, Islamic Studies and Religious Studies. Other minors, including Catholic Studies (currently a certificate program) and Jewish Studies, are in development.
- **Become a Titan Traveler!** Alumni are welcome to travel with UDM faculty and students to China for 12 days (July 1–12) to explore the impact of megacities on Chinese culture, education, and society. Contact Director of Language and Cultural Training Lara Wasner at 313-993-1191 for information. Or, travel to Italy to visit our newly renovated campus in Volterra, Italy (May 7–June 18). For further information, contact Associate Professor of History Sarah Stever, 313-993-1099 or email at stevensn@udmercy.edu.

Read about these stories and more news from the College of Liberal Arts & Education, including faculty updates, at liberalarts.udmercy.edu.



Don Large and the U of D Chorus - 1966



The Singing Titans on USO Tour - 1971



Members of the U of D Chorus rehearsing



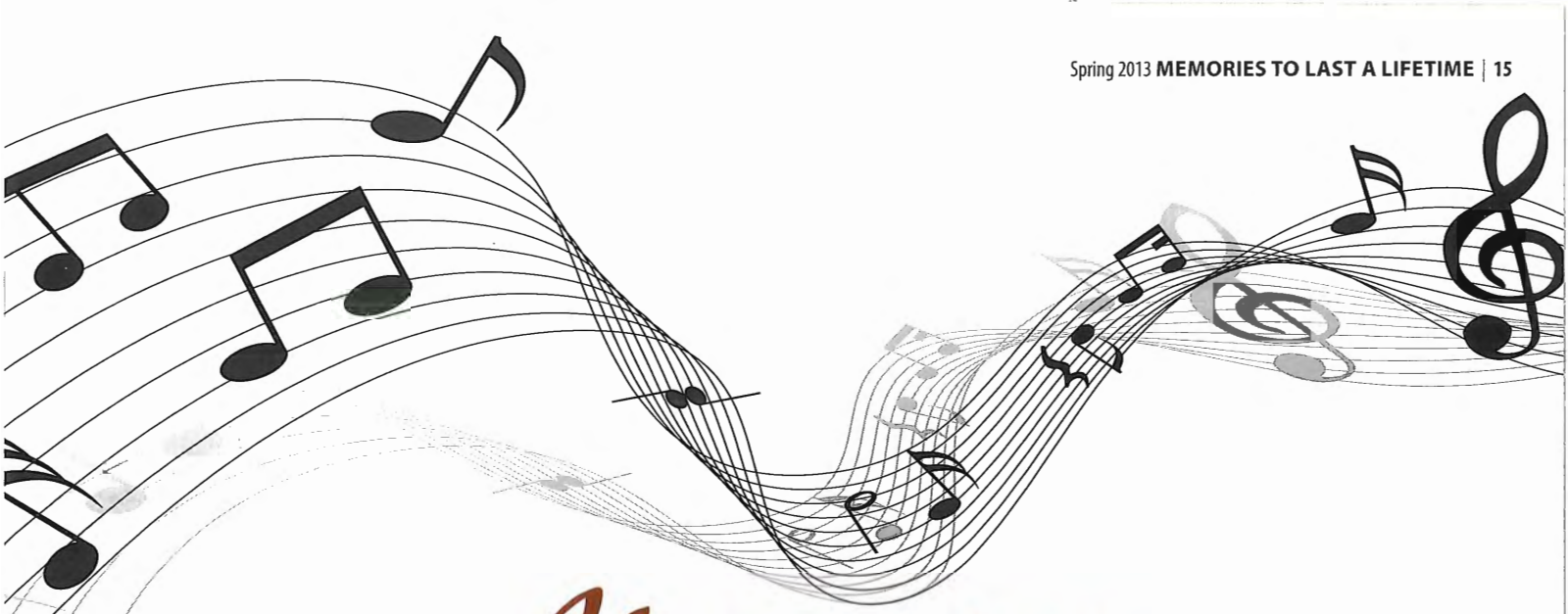
U of D Madrigal Singers - 1965



Don Large and the U of D Chorus - 1966



The Four F's - 1968



Memories to last a lifetime

Alumni who participated in student groups and organizations graduated with more than an academic degree.

Earning an education rooted in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions is just the start for many UDM students. To truly discover who they are and what they can be during their college years and beyond, students expand their horizons through participation in clubs or student organizations on campus. The benefits can be immense. Students meet new people who may become lifelong friends. They challenge and explore their own talents and often impact the lives of others. Joining a student group at UDM embraces all aspects of educating the body, mind and spirit.

Over the histories of University of Detroit, Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy, there have been hundreds of student groups and organizations, including fraternities, sororities, religious organizations, honor societies, sports, social groups, and groups for just about every interest or academic program. While most students get involved in organizations during their undergraduate years on campus, students attending the University's professional schools of Law and Dentistry have also found that their experiences in such groups as the Moot Court Club, Law Journal and even Dentistry's long-standing club hockey team provided them with the professional enrichment and social camaraderie needed to balance out the rigors of their studies.

Some student organizations were short-lived and remain in historical documents like *The Tower* yearbooks and history books. Other groups, like the *Varsity News* and Chemistry Club, date to the early years of the University's founding institutions

and still exist today. Participation in any of these groups left fond memories and lasting friendships for thousands of graduates and will do the same for our current students.

This article highlights several student groups that spanned different periods of the University's history, with the main focus on the popular University of Detroit Chorus from 1953 to 1975, under the direction of Don Large. While U of D and Mercy College (see related story) had choruses of various types before and after "The Don Large era," this group put the spotlight on the University and its student singers.

University of Detroit Chorus lives on in members' hearts

For more than two decades, the University of Detroit Chorus was one of the most prominent groups on campus. In its heyday, it had more than 100 students per year. Chorus Director Don Large was a big part of the group's success. He was an accomplished composer and skilled musician. He was well known in show business and had a music radio show on WJR, "Make Way for Youth."

At U of D, he took over what had previously been known as the Choral Society. Students would practice five days a week from noon to 1 p.m. with additional rehearsals in the evenings and prior to scheduled events. ►

Large would take show tunes and popular songs of the times, such as "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree" and classics, such as "When the Saints Go Marching In," and make an arrangement for each section of the chorus. He rewrote melodies in four- to six- to eight-part harmony and also published his original music. At performances, the chorus at times would feature soloists, duets, quartets and quintets, along with choreography.

One of the soloists who made a guest appearance was Marie Sabbe, who sang in the mid '50s. Large was so impressed with her range as a coloratura soprano that he sought out solo performances for her.

"I had issues with stage fright," Sabbe said. "When I auditioned for Don, I let loose with all that I had because he was so reassuring and supportive. I knew it was sink or swim. Once I could sing for Don, I got over my stage fright."

Sabbe wanted to become a professional singer. She won a Grinnell contest to sing at a DSO performance on Belle Isle. She also was part of a special chorus that Large put together to sing for Queen Elizabeth's 21st birthday when she visited Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

She met Tom Pfeiffer '56 in the chorus, and they married before she finished college. Fifty chorus members came to their wedding and took to the stage to sing for the other guests. Many other students also met in the chorus and married.

The chorus put on a concert every fall and spring for students, faculty and their families in the ballroom of the Student Center. The chorus also performed locally—in 23 functions during the period from February to June 1964. The main accompanist was Vanetta Doughty.

Based on requests for shows, Large would often form smaller groups to perform at various events. The group performed 45 concerts in 1954. A segment of the group, "The Singing

Titans," performed around the state and around the world—often singing for the troops. The Department of Defense paid for the flights of these USO tours, and members of the group slept in the officers' quarters.

One of the nine-week trips—held from Thanksgiving in 1972 to January 1973—took Bill Kolis '75 and other singers to the Azores Islands, Belgium, Germany and Holland. Other tours were conducted in the summer.

In late summer, members went to a chorus camp in Brighton, Mich. to practice before the season began. "It was a fun time," recalled Kolis. "The chorus was like a social organization," he said. "I learned how to deal with other people. I learned how to run events."

The vast size of the U of D Chorus was a publicity magnet for the University. In addition to singing at local events, members of the chorus also traveled by bus throughout Michigan and to Midwestern states to perform. Large and a faculty moderator, such as Joseph Foley, S.J., or John O'Neill, S.J., would accompany the group. Wherever concerts were held, people would open their doors to the performers and house them for the night.

Large looked for every opportunity to get his students on stage, and they often performed on radio and TV. Highlights included singing on the Ed Sullivan show, a Danny Thomas TV special, and the Dinah Shore show. They performed at the Montreal Expo in 1967 and sang with Duke Ellington in 1970.

"Don loved us," said Elaine Tokarski '65, '67. "He would have parties in his basement. He had pictures of 'his kids'—that would be us—on the walls. He really cared about us. He often asked us to give support to those in the group who needed it. He was like a second parent to us."

At the practices and performances, both the chorus and audience were positively transformed, Tokarski noted. "When



Members of the University of Detroit Chorus gather for yearly reunions. (Pictured at left) In 2011, they sang in the C&F Chapel on the McNichols Campus. Last year, members went on a Detroit river-boat dinner cruise together.

different chords come together in harmony, it's a beautiful blend. There's a good feeling, a great sound. If anyone was feeling blue or needed help, he (Don) would put people together. He drew out each other's gifts and knew how to bring out the best in us."

In the 1970s, Large established the U of D Alumni Chorus so that former members could continue singing for the University. Since then, alumni have reunited the group at various times.

Bob Schmitz '69 started the first U of D Chorus reunion in the late '90s. Since then, Tokarski and fellow graduate Andrea Bates-Baier have taken on the planning for the two reunions held annually. At the 2011 reunion, the alumni sang in the C&F Chapel on the McNichols Campus and had a special dinner.

Last year, alumni went on a Detroit riverboat dinner cruise.

Meanwhile, chorus alumnus Gerald (Jerry) Gruska '63 is bringing photos and songs from the chorus to life through an online archive housed on the UDM Library website's "special collections." He thanks Kenneth Large (who sang with the chorus in the '60s) and Linda Ebright for sharing a slide collection of the chorus and other material that belonged to their late father. It has taken many months for Gruska to digitize the Don Large material. The full collection—with MP3s, scanned photos and many of Large's arrangements—will be online later this year (research.udmercy.edu/find/special_collections).

If you were in the chorus and wish to get in touch with the group, please email Bob Schmitz at sekndbass@aol.com. ■

Mercy College's theater & choral groups lifted spirits

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, some students on the Mercy College of Detroit Campus took a classic break from classes by joining the choral group, theater group or both.

Jean Maday '62 sang alto in the choral group, which then had 25 members. She and her classmates looked forward to the Christmas program and other annual performances. Ten members of the Mercy choral group also sang for the USO.

As an English/Theater major earning a secondary education degree,

Maday reveled in behind-

the-scenes work as stage manager, set builder, and costume procurer. She also enjoyed some acting roles and chorus work for musicals.

For the male parts, the College (which at the time was an all-women's college) sought actors from the Van Guard Theater in Detroit and professional troupes. The College also tapped into the talent of local high school and college students for certain roles.

Performances included "The Diary of Ann Frank," "Oklahoma," and "Kiss Me Kate." The Mercy Theater also did a Mark Twain series and brought in guest speakers, singers and dancers for an Artist Series. Mercy students did the lighting and staging for these performances.

Marilyn (Kozara) Dause '62, a Speech, Drama and Education major, had lead roles in several musicals and in the opera, "The Bohemian Girl." She played one of two Kates, along with Carol Jackson '63, in "Kiss Me Kate." Chuck Dause played Petruchio, which enabled their romance

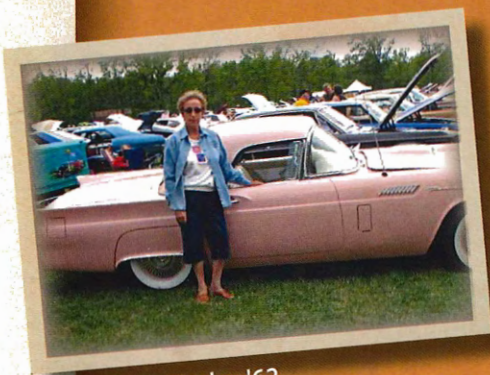
to bloom on stage and in real life. (They had met the summer before when both worked on the SS South American, a vessel that cruised the Great Lakes.)

Mercy professor Jim Foote taught speech and directed plays. His colleague Al Zolton worked on the musicals with Anthony Marlowe, a famous operatic singer from New York. Marlowe was Mercy's musical director for the major performances and gave voice lessons to the college singers.

"He was a pro," Dause said of Marlowe. "But, he could make you cry on stage if you weren't doing the right thing."

Theater work launched these graduates into productive careers. Maday directed performances at Catholic high schools in Detroit and Monroe for several years while working at a local college. She then moved to Lansing and worked for the Michigan Department of Education, where she advanced to director of scholarships and grants before retiring in 1997. Her entertainment now focuses on antique cars. She can be seen around town on warm days driving her pink 1957 Ford Thunderbird.

Chuck Dause retired recently after serving 45 years as a professor, associate dean and debate coach with UDM's College of Liberal Arts & Education. Marilyn taught "Auditorium" at Detroit Public Schools. The Dauses, who reside in West Bloomfield, have four children (all UDM graduates) and eight grandchildren.



Jean Maday '62



Chuck and Marilyn '62 Dause

The Saint Francis Club, a home away from home

The Saint Francis Club, founded in 1940, once began as a small fraternal grouping of out-of-towners looking for a place to get a good meal and put up their feet. As it turned out, it ended up being many University of Detroit students' home away from home. The nearly six decades in which this fraternal organization existed (1940-1985) brought many changes. Having once begun in the basement of what was then the Hathaway House, the Saint Francis Club ultimately occupied a space opposite the U of D Science Building on Livernois Avenue. Although the final Club site later became the location for the former Polymer Institute, the area will be remembered by many as The Saint Francis Club.

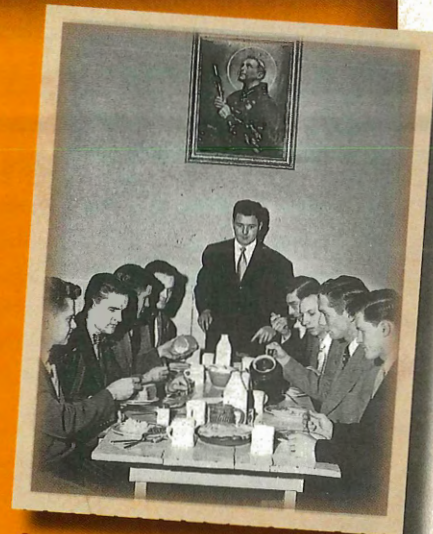
The Club's main purpose was to give students a place to get a good, home-cooked meal. It was also a place to find fellowship and to socialize—from hosting events to playing games. And last, but certainly not least, it was a place to learn the value of community participation and hard work within a cooperative, ultimately making the members' weekly "board fee" extremely low-priced.

According to Joe Saline '63, a former member now residing in California, the Saint Francis Club members had to be engaged in "helping with the cooking and the cleaning." This shouldn't have been too difficult, as "everyone participated" in the work. Saline also fondly recounted his experience of the kind women who cooked for the Club as "wonderful

people" and that the Club gave one "the family feeling"—easier to come by when everyone has a job to do—just like at home.

Events hosted by the Saint Francis Club, such as their annual St. Patrick's Day "Tug-of-War," where a mock "battle" told of a rich history between the Irish and German factions of the Club, made weekends quite lively. The Club also sponsored homecoming events with parades and floats and socializing was at a premium. The Saint Francis Club closed its doors due to lack of funds for the upkeep of the building. Nevertheless, the tradition carries on in many

respects. A number of loosely knit groups of Saint Francis Club members exist as well. On May 11, Saline is traveling back to Michigan, not only to celebrate the class of 1963's 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee, but also to meet with some Saint Francis Club members the evening prior to enjoy a night of camaraderie that most likely won't be forgotten.



Standing under the newly dedication picture of St Francis, Gene Merkert, president of the St. Francis Club, serves his fellow members. (As captioned in the 1950 Tower yearbook)

Chemistry Club, a bonding opportunity for students

For more than seven decades, engineering and science students from Mercy College, University of Detroit and UDM have belonged—respective to their institutions—to the popular Chemistry Club. The Chemistry

Club at Mercy College started early on in the College's founding, and in 1949, the club became a member of the student association group of the Detroit section of the American Chemical Society. At U of D, the Detroit Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society was established in 1938.

Today, the Chemistry Club is a thriving student organization

that averages at least 40 members a year. It is recognized nationally as one of the strongest student chapters in the country and has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the "Outstanding Chapter Award" for several years in a row. In 2012, the Detroit American Chemical Society recognized four UDM Chemistry/Biochemistry faculty and staff members at its annual awards dinner. The designation of all four awards to one institution is unprecedented and highlights the significant contributions UDM's Chemistry Department has made to the local Chemical Society.

Two students also received "Distinguished Student Awards," one of whom was Thomas Sanday '12, an account manager for Avon Automotive, servicing the Ford account.

"Belonging to a club is one of the most important things for students to do. It's a way of getting to meet people. You learn how to study and get to interact with other students, the faculty and the administration," said Sanday. "What you learn in the clubs is applied to your job, such as being able to multi-task and have various responsibilities," he said. "It helps you grow as a person."

"Everyone in the Chem Club is there for you," he added.

Sanday's dad passed away two years ago around Christmas time. Sanday said his dad had a passion for chemistry. To pay tribute to him (Donaldson Sanday), the Chem Club made a clock in his honor.

"Every year since then," said Sanday. "I give a donation to the UDM Chem Club in memory of my dad."



Detroit American Chemistry Society 2012 award recipients (from left): UDM's Chemistry/Biochemistry's faculty Matt Mio '97, Liz Roberts-Kirchhoff, Mark Benvenuto, (then students Kimberly Coughlin '12 and Thomas Sanday '12) and Meghann Murray.

The Theatre Company sets the stage for successful careers

Historical documents indicate that Theatre at the University of Detroit officially began in 1922, and a great deal of interesting history about the University's past theater programs can be found in the *Tower* yearbooks. However, the University's relationship with theatre as it currently exists began with the opening of The Theater at Marygrove College in 1972. Through a consortium agreement between the University of Detroit and Marygrove College to consolidate the schools' fine arts programs, The Theater was constructed to house University productions. Coinciding with the opening of The Theater was the introduction of the University's Bachelor of Fine Arts program.

In 1984, the Company moved into the Studio Theater, a refurbished studio classroom in the Architecture Building on UDM's McNichols Campus, which was later dedicated and renamed the Earl D.A. Smith Theatre. In 1995, marking the Theatre Company's 25th season, the program moved into the McAuley Auditorium on the University's Outer Drive Campus. When the Outer Drive Campus closed in 2007, the Company established a new agreement with Marygrove College, where most performances have been held ever since.

Theatre graduates have gone on to successful careers on the screen, stage and behind the scenes. For example, Angelina Fiordellisi '81 continued her career both in television and on the stage, and is now the founder and artistic director of Cherry Lane Theatre in New York City. Jamie Moyer '01 is currently teaching at the Second City Hollywood Training Center. Chris Darga '80 has appeared in hundreds of television shows and movies, most recently in "Mike & Molly", "The Closer" and "The Middle". He can also be seen currently as one of the Vikings in the Capital One credit card commercials.

This year, the Theatre Company completed its 42nd season with the performance of "A Cabaret Showcase," which featured surprise appearances from some of the program's most talented alumni. One of those surprise performers was comedy actor Keegan-Michael Key '93.

Key, who stars in Comedy Central's "Key and Peele" (with Jordan Peele), credits UDM's Theatre Company for the hands-on learning he needed in the real world of professional theater.

In his words, "The Company was run as much like an active member of a theater community as it was a training program, and that's what made the difference."

One of his favorite memories is the late nights after rehearsals when the crew would hang the lights for the upcoming production. "It was a great camaraderie builder," he said.

After Key graduated from UDM, he earned a MFA degree from Pennsylvania State University. Being in UDM's Theatre Company helped him "tremendously," he said, when he was hired for his first professional job at Second City Detroit. He later joined Chicago's Second City.

"I learned practical things that I'm not sure I would have learned in a traditional training program," he said. "There were invaluable skills on the technical side of theater that kept me in the game when I wasn't acting. It also fostered an all-for-one and one-for-all attitude for all the theater companies that I've worked with subsequently."

While in Chicago, Key was cast in Fox's MADtv for six seasons before becoming famous for "Key and Peele." Now in its second season, "Key and Peele" has been renewed for a third season. He can also be seen in such films as "Role Models", "Due Date", and "Just Go With It."

While his career has accelerated, he hasn't forgotten his roots. Key is a co-founder of the Planet Ant Theatre in Hamtramck. In addition to his most recent guest appearance in a UDM Theatre production, he returned to Michigan in April as a speaker at the 10th Annual Images and Perceptions Diversity Conference in Dearborn. He also enjoys visiting UDM when he can to mentor current theatre students.



Keegan-Michael Key '93

The Varsity News, a 95-year campus tradition

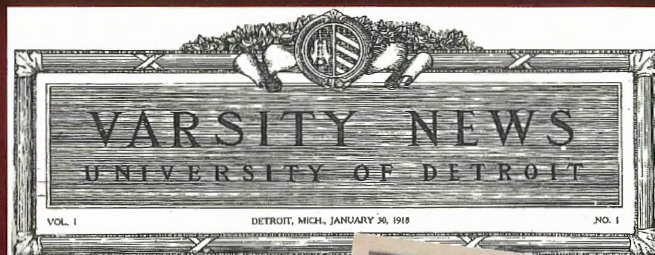
The *Varsity News* (VN) is one of the University's oldest student groups. The student newspaper originated in 1918, as "essentially and entirely, a venture of the students themselves," a mission it has maintained to present day.

The inaugural issue stated that "24 boys subscribed a sum of money to finance the attempt with the express provision that if it failed, they failed, but if it succeeded, under no circumstances could they receive more than their investment. Their action, then, cannot be construed otherwise than as an unselfish effort to fill a long-felt need of the University." The VN's longevity is evidence that the need remains today.

University records indicate that 750 living alumni were introduced to the inner workings of a newspaper by working on the *Varsity News*, and likely hundreds more who are no longer with us were involved as well. The paper's first editor-in-chief was Paul V. Kennedy '18. Some of the University's most notable alumni wrote for, helped publish or served as an editor of the *Varsity News*, including the University of Detroit's 17th president, Celestin J. Steiner, S.J. '20, *Detroit Free Press* retired Special Features & Syndicate Editor John Smyntek '72, former *The Detroit News* Editor and Columnist Luther Keith '72 and former *Detroit Free Press* Publisher Neal Shine '52.

Another *Varsity News* alumnus who is making his mark in the field of journalism is Michael Martinez '12. Martinez served as sports editor, co-editor and editor-in-chief, of the *Varsity News* consecutively from his freshman to senior year.

"It's extremely important to get involved in a group," Martinez said. "I was a shy freshman. I didn't know



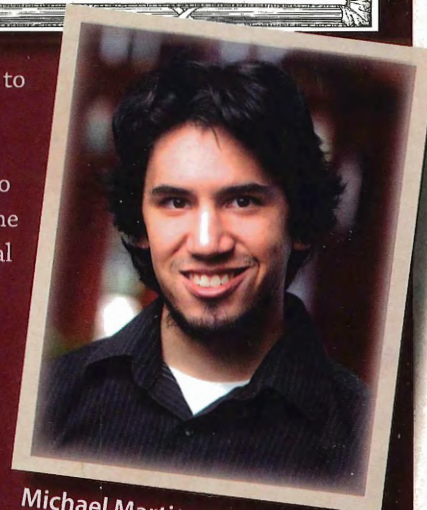
anybody on campus. I had to put my name and face out there. The press pass was my ticket in. I got to talk to the president (of UDM), the coaches and to professional athletes."

During his senior year at the VN, he noted, "The staff was as close as it's ever been during my four years working on the student paper."

Martinez's clips from the *Varsity News* opened the door for him to serve an internship at MLB.com, where he spent a summer in Manhattan and interviewed big-name players for the New York Yankees. It also helped him get his current job as a business reporter for *The Detroit News*.

As an intern, he had several bylined, front-page stories for *The Detroit News*, including a story on how the hockey strike affected Detroit businesses that ran on the front page on the day the NHL strike ended.

Along with his exceptional talent as a writer, this opportunity was made possible through his experience working on the *Varsity News*.



Michael Martinez '12

Join the conversation and read more University history

Reconnect with alumni

We invite all alumni to share memories and reconnect with former classmates from Mercy College, U of D and UDM by visiting the special online forum at community.udmercy.edu/groups where you can start a conversation about any of the University student groups covered in these articles or any of the hundreds of other groups.

Find Saint Francis Club alumni

Find the Saint Francis Club Alumni Club Foundation on the internet at sfcaf.org, where outings, events and other member contact information is available. Set up by a group of alumni, the foundation is known for having

sponsored a scholarship at the University, and the group continues the tradition of spending time together and reminiscing about the past.

Read more about University history online

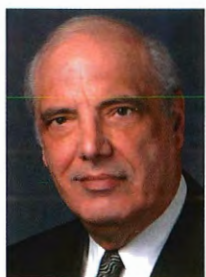
There's also a treasure trove of history available online at research.udmercy.edu/find/special_collections. You can find complete collections of the *Varsity News* dating back to the first issue in 1918, *Tower* yearbooks dating back to 1923 and Commencement programs dating back to 1887, in addition to numerous other collections of historical documents. Take a look. You won't be disappointed.

Homecoming Tailgate 2013



See more pictures of alumni and friends online
at community.udmercy.edu/photos

Alumni Class Notes



William Giovan '58



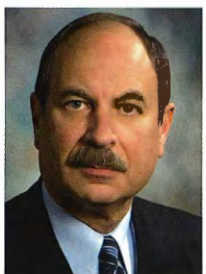
Joseph Drobot '62, '64



Cynthia Canty '75



Robert Carson '73



Robert Graziana '75

1940s

Betty Jane (Harrington) Grant '44 will celebrate her 90th birthday in May 2013.

1950s

William J. Giovan '58, a Detroit attorney and former Chief Judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court, was elected chair of the newly formed Wayne County Ethics Board.

Elmore Leonard '50 was awarded the 2012 Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters by the National Book Foundation. The award, presented on Nov. 14, 2012 in New York City, recognizes his outstanding achievement in fiction writing. Also, the 1957 film adaptation for Leonard's short story *3:10 to Yuma* was one of 25 films to be added to the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress for 2012 and was chosen for preservation because of its cinematic importance and lasting cultural significance.

Gerald Ziemba '57 announced his retirement from the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he served for 17 years as program manager of Chemical Weapons Convention Inspection Management Teams, which hosted international inspections of U.S. chemical plants. Prior to that role, he retired from DowElanco as supply-chain manager and as a colonel in the Chemical Corps in the U.S. Army Reserves, among several other positions throughout his career.

1960s

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. '62, '64, president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and chairman of the board of the Polish Museum of America in Chicago, Ill., was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland during an event to commemorate the 94th anniversary of Polish Independence Day.

1970s

James Bearden '72, a partner with Bearden, Lewis & Thomas, LLP law firm in Boca Raton, Fla., was elected to the board of directors for the Burt Reynolds Institute for Film and Theatre.

Konah Blackett '72 was appointed the Liberian ambassador to Kuwait. He previously served as ambassador to the United States, United Nations and Egypt.

Cynthia (Bruce) Canty '75, a longtime morning radio voice in Detroit, is now the host of "Stateside with Cynthia Canty" on Michigan Radio. The show explores a wide range of Michigan news and policy issues—as well as culture and lifestyle stories. Canty is a member of the CLAE Alumni Board.

Robert W. Carson '73, senior partner at McIntosh, McColl, Carson and Strickler law firm, was recognized as the St. Clair County

Community College Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

Jane Colombo '79 was appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates.

Rev. Kenneth Crouch '76 recently retired from Mayflower United Church of Christ in Billings, Mo. He was elected to the Billings City Council and enjoys more time to be involved in community theater.

Timothy J. Currier '78, an attorney at Beier Howlett P.C., was honored as Distinguished Municipal Attorney of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys.

Robert Graziani '75, an attorney at Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, was named to *DBusiness* magazine's Top Lawyers 2013.

Lisa Sommers Gretchko '79, an attorney at Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, was named to



On Sept. 26, 2012, a group of long-time alumni friends reunited, some traveling back to Michigan from Texas and Arizona. The metro-Detroit friends gather every six weeks and are periodically joined by the out-of-towners. Of the 16 pictured above, 10 were University of Detroit graduates, four had been U of D students and two had been married to graduates.

(Back row, L to R) Bill FitzGerald '57, Peter Duhamel, Jim Maloney, Jerry Watters '54, Thom Jordan '59. (Middle row, L to R) Mary Jo Raftery, Elizabeth (Marchese) Mahoney '54, Joyce (Esposti) Watters '55, Lois (Germain) Duhamel '55, '60, Lou Mahoney '65, Pat (Evens) Jordan '55. (Front row, L to R) Pat Donaldson, Norma (Kitzinger) Muir '54, Judy (Komives) Martinek '55, Shirley Delaney '54, Dorothy (King) Maloney '53.

Are you planning a University reunion?

Would you like to let others know about it? Please contact us by visiting community.udmercy.edu/reunions/ and submitting a form or email to udmgrad@udmercy.edu or call 313-993-1540. We'll add your event to our new reunion bulletin board that can be viewed on the Online Community.

"One of the most gratifying aspects of my job is seeing people alive and well and knowing that I played a large part in their recovery." **PAUL ADAMS, M.D.**

Barb & Paul Adams

Medicine is the tie that binds the Adams' family

by Liz Cezat, special writer

If you ask if there's a doctor in the Adams' household, you can expect a "yes" from parents Barb '81 and Paul '81 and from many of their six children. One is a surgical resident, another is in medical school, and two to three others plan to follow their parents' career choice. The oldest is studying health care administration.

Undergraduates in the College of Engineering & Science at University of Detroit, Barb and Paul shared three classes together at one point: Physiology, Genetics and Religion. They spent a lot of time walking to class, studying and dating.

Barb credits the University's strong science program for her success in medical school. "The Jesuit education prepared me to analyze data and think logically—skills that are useful in medicine."

She received an Insignis scholarship, and enjoyed living on campus. She belonged to the Life Science Club, Tri Sigma Sorority and AED, a pre-med honors society. She also tutored local grade school children in reading and math.

Paul was active on campus as president of the Chemistry Club and treasurer of the Engineering & Science Council. He planned to pursue a business degree in the sciences and did a rotational co-op at Dow Chemical in Midland to test those plans. While he liked the experience, he didn't want to spend his career in a lab and chose to become a doctor.

They married soon after graduating and both went on to medical school in Detroit. Barb became a pediatrician and Paul became an oncologist/hematologist.

During the hectic early days of their career, Barb worked at Henry Ford Health System in pediatrics, and Paul at University of Michigan Medical Center, holding various director roles—in adult bone marrow transplant, hematology and oncology.

In 1999, Paul was recruited to become medical director at the Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute, a new joint venture at the time. He sees patients at his Genesee Hematology Oncology practice in Flint, and is also director of Adult Hemophilia at Hurley Medical Center.

When the family moved to Grand Blanc from Northville, Barb cut back her practice to part-time so she could handle the needs of their growing family. Their youngest is now 13 years old and they are also grandparents.

Paul's super-charged career includes clinical research, involvement in medical oncology groups, and teaching. He is a former president of The Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology.

Barb said, "One of the advantages of being a two-physician couple is that we understand what each other is going through at work."

As a pediatrician, Barb is concerned about the lack of activity and physical exercise of youth today. "All the buzz is



Paul '81 and Barb '81 Adams

about obesity. I think it's more related to activity. Kids now sit around with electronics. It's more sedentary and isolating," she noted. "I'm curious how it will affect our society in the future."

Paul is optimistic about finding cures for cancer, which is a range of diseases. "Remarkable progress is being made. We now have the ability to find the gene structure of every cancer and in the future should be able to target treatment to individual genes that play a role in cancer.

"One of the most gratifying aspects of my job is seeing people alive and well and knowing that I played a large part in their recovery," he said.

As a member of the Clinical Practice Committee of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Paul met with the group in Washington, D.C., over a two-year period to develop practice guidelines for oncologists nationwide. He also worked to implement best practice standards for oncology care for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Doctors who follow those care guidelines for patients insured by BCBS now get incentives. He is proud of his efforts to improve the quality of cancer care.

Despite busy medical practices, both find time for interests that include traveling and tennis. They are also active in their parish, Holy Family. Barb is a past president of the Lansing Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and serves on its board.

Paul's advice to science majors is: "Get as much background and experience as possible. Don't be afraid to try new things or take tough courses. If you want to go into medicine, be prepared for it to take up a lot of time."

Barb and Paul's parents also attended U of D, as did four of his siblings. His father, Vaughn Adams '54, was a long-time popular Philosophy professor at the University.

Alumni Class Notes



Lisa Gretchko '79



Maryanne Dunleavy '88



Brian Lemon '80



Bob Socia '82



Dean Amburn '92

DBusiness magazine's Top Lawyers 2013.

Mary Gutzi '75 joined the cast of ABC's "Last Resort."

Warren R. Hill '75 was named a Fellow by ABET, an accreditor for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and engineering technology.

David Kurtz, Jr. '78 was reappointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates.

John E. Kyees '74 was appointed to the board of directors at Rackwise, Inc.

Michael Lens '74 was named senior engineer at Giffels Webster.

John D. Lewis '74, managing director of Donnelly Penman & Partners, was appointed a director of Flagstar Bancorp, Inc. and Flagstar Bank and will serve as non-executive chairman of their boards of directors. Lewis also serves as chair of UDM's Board of Trustees.

Daniel P. Malone '78, an attorney at Butzel Long, was recognized as a Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit 2013 by *DBusiness* magazine.

Bahman Mirshab '75, a former dean of UDM's College of Business Administration, was named dean of the College of Management at Lawrence Technological University.

Faye (Alexander) Nelson '75, '80, former member of the UDM Board of Trustees, received the Lifelong Leadership Award during the 2012 Leadership Detroit Awards in October. The award was presented by the Detroit Regional Chamber and Leadership Detroit.

Joseph A. Schenk '79 was named operating executive in the global financial services group at The Carlyle Group.

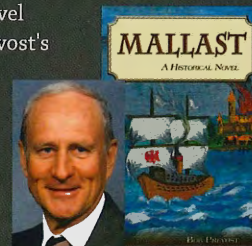
Cathy '71, '75 and **Norm '70, '75 Schmitt** were honored as the University of Detroit Mercy Distinguished Volunteers on National Philanthropy Day, Nov. 14.

Alumni Bookshelf

Claude Cellich '63, '65, vice president External Relations at the International University in Geneva, Switzerland, coauthored two books: *Practical Solutions to Global Negotiations* and *Trade Promotion Strategies: Best Practices*.

Brian Anse Patrick '87 was recently promoted to full professor in the Department of Communication at University of Toledo. His latest book, *The Ten Commandments of Propaganda*, was released in its print version in January. Currently, he is working on his fourth book, *Aristotle on Business Communication*.

Bob Prevost '57 published the historical novel *Mallast*, which tells the story—based on Prevost's ancestors—of how and why a close-knit family migrates from Prussia in the late 1800s and acquires a farm in Michigan, where they find that hard work, drive and ambition yield the life they desire.



Bob Prevost



Roy Roulhac

Roy L. Roulhac '75, an administrative law judge at the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Detroit, published *Slave Genealogy of the Roulhac Family: French Masters and the Africans They Enslaved*, which traces his well-documented journey through 18th and 19th century wills, probate records and other documents of his ancestors' enslavers to find and connect missing pieces of not only his family's past, but other descendents of his family.

John Stanton '80, an independent journalist and analyst in the Washington, D.C. Metro region who focuses largely on national security topics, recently published the book *The Raptor's Eye, JIEDDO, MISO, General P and The Prophet Smith: Reports from Washington, D.C., Capitol of the American Empire*, 2012.



Kevin R. Sunderman '01 recently published his first book, *Tales from the Unemployment Line: Dead, Done, It's Over*.

David M. Thoms '79, a principal in the Troy, Mich. office of Miller Canfield law firm, was re-elected for a one-year term as president of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe.

William Wales '72, '73 recently joined the litigation and corporate departments of Barnes & Thornburg LLP. Wales is a member of the UDM College of Engineering & Science Advisory Board.

1980s

Anita Barone '86 portrays Georgia Jones, the mother of Flynn & CeCe Jones on The Disney Channel show "Shake It Up." She has been in this role since 2010.

Matthew P. Cullen '83, president and COO of Rock Ventures, received the Edmund T. Ahee Jewel Award for Outstanding Volunteer

"UDM offers so much to its students, both in terms of a value-oriented education, as well as strong ties to the automotive industry. It's a great local treasure!" **KARA FORTMAN**

Joseph & Kara Fortman

Alumni couple met as Engineering students

by Rackeline Hoff, special writer

When Joseph Fortman '92 met Kara Kennedy '94 in the early nineties while undergraduates at University of Detroit Mercy, neither had any idea that they would marry, have a family and build a happy, productive life together. But, that's exactly what happened.

Today, they both have engineering careers, live in the dream house that they built together in Northville, Mich. and are the parents of two active children—son Casey, 13, and daughter Brooke, 9.

Originally from St. Charles, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, Joe came to UDM for its Engineering program and because he was awarded an Insignis scholarship. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity, as well as Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma and Alpha Sigma Nu. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Kara grew up in Harrison Township, Mich. and selected UDM because of its Engineering program and the comfortable size of its campus. She, too, was an Insignis Scholar, also earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Her extra-curricular activities included being a member of the University tennis team, Pi Tau Sigma, the Society of Women Engineers, and serving as a campus tour guide.

Both have expressed fond memories of their college experience. "I lived on campus all four years and loved being a student at UDM," said Kara. "I made so many wonderful friends." Joe echoed her sentiments and added, "UDM was a perfect fit for us. The Engineering program was very good and offered a lot of personal attention. We got to know many of our teachers one-on-one and didn't feel like just a number."

After graduation, both Joe and Kara were hired by Ford Motor Company, and they have spent their entire careers in the field of automotive engineering. Joe has changed jobs, primarily among Ford-related companies, and is currently a program manager for Flex-N-Gate, specializing in exterior automotive lighting products. Kara continued through the years with Ford, working part time while their children were younger. Last October, she returned to a full-time position as an engineering supervisor in Ford's Automatic Transmission Engineering.

After starting their family, the pair teamed up in 2004 to build their dream home in Northville. Utilizing their engineering backgrounds along with their program management skills, Joe and Kara were the general contractors for the house. Although they hired private sub-contractors, they supplemented this by doing plenty of the work themselves. Both admit that it was a major undertaking, but they are delighted with the results.



Kara '94 and Joseph '92 Fortman

In his spare time, Joe enjoys flying and holds a private pilot's license with an instrument rating.

"I got my pilot's license in 1995, but it was equally satisfying when I earned my instrument rating last year," said Joe. He is a member of the Dawn Patrol Flying Club, which owns two four-seat Cessna airplanes and is based at Mettetal Airport in Plymouth. He is also involved with their children's sports activities and is currently coaching their daughter's soccer team.

Kara likes to spend time outdoors, reading mysteries, golfing and following politics. She also serves as an Elder on the board of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. As a family, the four Fortmans enjoy geocaching, a GPS-based treasure hunting activity. Kara explained, "It's a very popular pastime these days. There's a network of participants who find clues online. Then we go tromping through the woods looking for the caches."

To maintain their support of UDM, Joe and Kara attend some of the Engineering and Athletic events, as well as making annual financial contributions. They are currently members of The President's Cabinet.

"We were both fortunate enough to be the recipients of Insignis scholarships, and now we want to give back to the University to help the next generation of students," commented Joe.

"UDM offers so much to its students, both in terms of a value-oriented education, as well as strong ties to the automotive industry. It's a great local treasure!" added Kara.

Alumni Class Notes



John Below '93



Jeffrey Johnson '97



Keegan-Michael Key '93



Patrick McCarthy '94



Bernard J. Fuhs '03, '06

Fundraiser from the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals on National Philanthropy Day, Nov. 14.

Maryanne (Bridget) Dunleavy '88 was named senior vice president and banking manager at Bank of Ann Arbor.

Beth (Fisk) Gotthelf '85, an attorney at Butzel Long, was recognized as a Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit 2013 by *DBusiness* magazine.

Jennifer A. Harte, D.D.S. '88 was awarded the Dr. James J. Crawford Award for 2012, which recognizes lifetime achievement in the field of dental infection control. Harte recently retired after 20 years of service as a Colonel in the United States Air Force, where she served as the military consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General for Dental Infection Control for the past 10 years.

Mickey Jacob '81, '82, managing principal at Urban Studio Architects in Tampa, Fla. was recently inaugurated as the 89th president of the American Institute of Architects.

Michael J. Lavoie '81, an attorney at Butzel Long, was recognized as a Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit 2013 by *DBusiness* magazine.

Brian Lemon '80 was named president of Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Ill.

Claudia Rast '86, an attorney at Butzel Long, was recognized as a Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit 2013 by *DBusiness* magazine.

Frank A. Scerbo '80 recently joined Loose, Brown & Associates, P.C.

Bob Socia '82 was appointed president of GM China and chief country operations officer of China, India and Southeast Asia.

Nancy Susick '86, president of Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Mich., was the keynote speaker at the annual Troy Veterans Day Ceremony.

Michael J. Tierney '80 was appointed president of Flagstar Bank and Flagstar Bancorp, Inc. and CEO of each entity.

1990s

Dean Amburn '92, an attorney at Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, was named to *DBusiness* magazine's Top Lawyers 2013.

John T. Below '93 was appointed to Kotz Sangster Wysocki P.C.'s Executive Leadership Council. Below is a group leader in the firm's labor and employment and financial services - litigation practice groups.

Nicholas J. Bournias, D.D.S. '90, co-director of the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic at Mott Children's/Hurley Hospital in Flint, Mich., was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the 19-member Michigan Board of Dentistry.

Theodore Coutilish '95 and his wife **Mary Beth Langan '87, '99** received the Halstead-Bresnahan Family Award at the 13th Annual International Fragile X Conference in Miami, Fla., July 27. The award recognizes those who make a profound difference to families affected by Fragile X Syndrome.

was named a 2012 Business Hall of Fame Rising Star by Junior Achievement of Central Michigan.

Phillip D. Fracassa '90, '96 was appointed senior vice president of planning and development at the Timken Company.

Jeff Hadden '98 recently retired as deputy editor of *The Detroit News* editorial page.

Jeffrey Johnson '97, senior associate at Integrated Design Solutions, was awarded the AIA Detroit Young Architect of the Year Award for 2012.

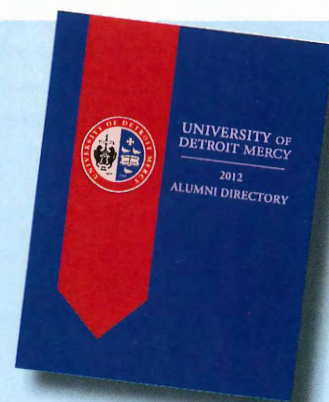
John P. Keegan '91 was named managing director, head of private wealth, for the Michigan region at The PrivateBank.

Keegan-Michael Key '93 began the second season of his Comedy Central series, "Key and Peele."

Austin Marshall '90, a professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at The University of Texas at El Paso, taught Waste Management Technologies at Hue University during the fall 2012 semester as one of nine American professors selected to teach at Vietnamese universities by the

STAY CONNECTED with friends through the new UDM Alumni Directory

The University of Detroit Mercy Alumni Association is excited to announce that new Alumni Directories are available. UDM updates these printed directories every five years, and the current update includes all graduates through December 2011. Alumni may also purchase a CD-Rom of the directory instead of the printed version. If you are interested in purchasing a directory, please call 313-993-1540.



Jennifer Deegan '96 joined Stroup Erhart and Lyons law firm in Petoskey, Mich. She focuses her practice on family law, divorce, criminal law, juvenile proceedings and general law.

Joseph R. Fabiano II '96, principal of Fabiano Brothers Inc.,

Vietnam Education Foundation as part of its U.S. Faculty Scholar Program.

Patrick M. McCarthy '94, an attorney at Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, was named to *DBusiness* magazine's Top Lawyers 2013. ►

"The University has stood there, with Detroit, through good times and bad. It taught me never to give up...whether it's a project or a business relationship." **STEVE PAGNOTTA**

Beth & Steve Pagnotta

Power couple paves way for others to do well

by Liz Cezat, special writer

Taking time from their vacation in Mexico to do an interview for *Spiritus* reveals much about the character of Beth (Jevitz) '74 and Steve '74, '76 Pagnotta. Their dedication to education, role as philanthropists, and success at respective careers in finance/accounting and architecture/commercial development are just part of the story.

While pursuing intensive careers, they've raised two sons and a daughter, and are enjoying a new phase of their lives as grandparents. The couple's philanthropic and leadership goals are to "open doors so that others can walk through."

The philosophy of giving back was rooted early through their education at University of Detroit.

Beth earned an accounting degree while Steve earned a B.S. and a M. Arch degree in Architecture. Although they knew each other on campus, it wasn't until they met again at a friend's wedding that they started to date and later married.

"I have a good technical background from U of D," Beth said. "My studies helped me pass the CPA exam on the first sitting and also contributed to receiving a full scholarship for an MBA at Northwestern University following graduation."

Steve had a fellowship where he assisted professors in different roles and disciplines. He notes that his broad education and experience at U of D helped him tremendously in commercial development, especially when working with lenders, lawyers and city planners.

Steve is especially impressed by UDM's commitment to serving others through education and outreach. "The University has stood there, with Detroit, through good times and bad. It taught me never to give up...whether it's a project or a business relationship. There are a lot of highs and lows with the development of commercial properties."

After graduating, Steve joined Beth in Chicago and worked for seven years as an architect—first at a small firm, then at a larger company. He received an intriguing offer to work at a large national real estate development company, and accepted it.

"I enjoyed the development process, it was multi-faceted and exciting," Steve said. As an employee, he saw a niche he could build on: regional retail centers.

Taking command of his destiny, he founded Bradford Real Estate Companies in 1987. In 26 years, the company has built more than 60 projects—primarily in the Chicago area, with others in Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana.

"We put land under contract, enter into leases with tenants, get the necessary approvals from the city, obtain financing and then hold or sell ownership," Steve said. Properties built by the company include general multiple national retail stores.

Beth was the first woman to become partner at the Chicago office of Peat Marwick, which became KPMG. She was also the



Beth '74 and Steve '74, '76 Pagnotta

first woman there to have children and stay at the firm—paving the way for women who would follow.

Beth's client base was banks and other financial institutions. She served as SEC reviewing partner, one of the firm's highest technical appointments. In clients' boardrooms, she advised the executive management teams and audit committees about the technical issues of strategic decisions.

In the boardroom of KPMG, she served as the sole female member of the firm's Midwest Management Committee, responsible for 7,000 plus employees as partner in charge of human resources for that region.

After retiring, she was elected to the boards of Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS), the ICPAS Endowment Board, and the Chicago Finance Exchange. She served numerous capacities in those roles, including treasurer; founder of a woman's scholarship program; and co-chair of a philanthropy committee, developing and instructing pro forma financial literacy courses for disadvantaged women.

She also joined the service board at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, where she and Steve are proud donors and members of the Circle of Care. She continues to raise funds for women's scholarships through the ICPAS Endowment Board.

Steve is on the Board of Advisers to the School of Architecture. His advice to students is, "The market is going to get better for architects. You may not be an architect for your entire life so take classes that fill in the gaps. Pay attention and educate yourself don't just cram for tests."

They are major donors to the School of Architecture and are helping the School raise funds for new studios.

"Always remember your roots," said Beth, with a sentimental nod to her late parents and her time spent at the University of Detroit.

Alumni Class Notes



Dominica Hooper, O.P. '07



J. Patrick Howe '05



Natalie DeBoer '12



David Dwencke '12



Chelsea Smialek '12

Greg A. Osborne '97 was promoted to director of civil engineering at Epstein, a Chicago-based architecture, interiors, engineering and construction firm.

Rhett Rowe '91 was appointed senior regional marketing director at Great Lakes Business Credit in Troy, Mich.

2000s

Nicole Anaejionu '04 joined Harpo Studios as a media relations coordinator.

Menhem Aouad '04 accepted the position of director of special education and student support services with the Madison District Public Schools in Madison Heights, Mich.

Daniel Assenmacher '00 recently accepted a new position as senior account manager for Borg Warner Emission Systems.

Hilary A. Ballentine '06, an attorney at Plunkett Cooney law firm, was honored as a "Rising Star" by *Michigan Super Lawyers* magazine.

Doug Callahan '05 was named president and chief operating officer of MMI Engineered Solutions in Saline, Mich.

Bernard J. Fuhs '03, '06, an attorney at Butzel Long, was named to *Crain's Detroit Business*' 2012 Class of "40 Under 40." He was also named to Brooks' Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2013.

Andrew Hayner '08, '09 recently joined Southfield-based Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss as an associate and a member of the corporate practice group.

Dominica Hooper, O.P. '07, formerly known as Andrea Hooper, is

now a member of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. She made her first profession of vows on Aug. 3, 2012 at Christ the King Church in Ann Arbor, Mich. What follows will be a three-year period of poverty, chastity and obedience. She will again profess temporary vows for two more years, and five years from now, she will make her perpetual vows.

J. Patrick Howe '05, an attorney at Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, was named to *DBusiness* magazine's Top Lawyers 2013.

Asad Malik '02, president and CEO of Amerilodge Group in Rochester Hills, Mich., was honored as one of *DBusiness* magazine's "30 in their thirties."

Jaime Moyer '01 teaches at the Second City Hollywood Training Center.

Thomas Nafso '09 recently joined Attorney General Bill Schuette's Office as an assistant attorney general. He previously served as assistant prosecuting attorney at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

John T. Schuring '06, an associate at Dickinson Wright PLLC, was selected as a 2012 Up & Coming Lawyer Honoree by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

Megan Stowers, D.D.S. '07 joined Hurley Medical Center as a pediatric dentist.

2010s

Natalie DeBoer '12 was awarded the 2012 Dean's Scholarship by the UDM School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to incoming law students who exhibit academic excellence.

David Dwencke '12 was awarded the 2012 Dean's Scholarship by the UDM School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to incoming law students who exhibit academic excellence.

Maria Ibarra-Frayre '12 recently began serving as a Jesuit volunteer at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, (Wis.) through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Vicky Keys '12 published, "When Tragedy is Our Own" in the *Journal of Christian Nursing*.

Michael Martinez '12 was hired as a regular writer for *The Detroit News*. A recent graduate in Communication Studies and History, he is the former editor of the *Varsity News* at UDM. Previously an intern with the *News*, his cover story on how the hockey strike affected Detroit businesses ran on the front page of the *News* on the day the NHL strike ended.

Trevor Pawl '11, program director at the Detroit Regional Chamber, was recognized among the "40 Under 40" by *Crain's Detroit Business*.

Susan Schedler '12 presented a poster at the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialist on her healthcare systems program project, "Patient Safety Video and Teachback Method."

Mary Sciabassi '11 was appointed chief of police for the City of Taylor (Mich.). The appointment marks the first female chief for the Downriver area.

Chelsea Smialek '12 was awarded the 2012 Dean's Scholarship by the UDM School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to incoming law students who exhibit academic excellence. ■

CLASS NOTES SUBMISSIONS

Every effort is made to provide timely Alumni Class Notes and In Memoriam information. However, because there is often a time gap from when information is submitted to Alumni Relations and when Spiritus is printed, this information may not be as up to date. Please visit community.udmercy.edu for the most current information. See the inside front cover for information on how to submit a Class Note.

In Memoriam

1930s

Vincent L. Pflieger '36, '38

1940s

John P. Berres '48
Thomas J. Cairns '49
John H. Cassidy '49
Leo L. Cassidy '49
Joseph T. Criscenti '42
John G. Daley '48
Florence (Bakeman) Davis '43
Damian P. Depatie '41
Virginia (Schulte) Dubay-Post '47
Robert W. Duncan, Jr., D.D.S. '46
Betty (Dunn) Farwell '49
Louis C. Finger '44
Barbara A. Finnigan '49
Albert W. Ghesquiere '41
Richard T. Gieryn, Sr. '49
Robert L. Gieryn '42
Wilbur E. Hintz '47
Jerome P. Horwitz '42, '44
Caspar B. Hughes, Jr. '49
Edward J. Hussey '42
John T. Jacob '49, '53
John R. Jennings '48
Mary (Sienkiewicz) Jurczyk '45
Arthur F. Link, Jr. '43
Thomas C. Montgomery '42
Robert E. O'Keefe '49, '57
Aloysius B. O'Mara '46, '48
Donald L. Parta '49
Mary (Duncombe) Payette '42
Donald F. Sells D.D.S. '47
Leo W. Slazinski '48
Frederick H. Stone '46, '55
John K. Teahen, Jr. '49
Verne Tripp '42
Ceaser Weston '48, '50
Walter J. Williams '42

1950s

Richard R. Acles '54, '64
Myron Alpert '52
Casey K. Ambrose '53
Margaret M. Baker, H.V.M. '53
Henrikas Y. Bankaitis '56
James J. Bennett '57
Donald E. Bosack '52
John A. Calaci '57
Thomas L. Campbell '59, '68
John M. Chonka '50
Walter W. Cross '59
Lawrence G. Culhane '59
Gordon J. Curnow '59
George P. Dakmak '55
Roger C. Dorn '54
James H. Draska '51
William R. Dunn, Sr. '56
Charles F. Ebert '51, '57
B.L. Enderby '55, '59
Terence D. Farrar '54, '61

Raymond Feldman, D.D.S. '54
Hon. James G. Fleming '54
Clarence N. Frank '57
Edward G. Geisler '51
Donald E. Greenwell '50
John V. Harrison '55
John R. Healy '50
Louis M. Hocker '51
Marshall H. Howard, Jr. '56
Edward J. Huebner '50
Mary Vivian Johnson, RSM '50
Alice (Gardiner) Kadletz '52
Raymond L. Keller, Sr. '53
George L. Kenyon '58
Sam D. Kocsis '52
Michael M. Kromp, D.D.S. '53
William A. Krzysnik '54
Howard L. Labadie '51
Bernard S. LaBoe '50
Charles Lawson '51
Edmund W. Lenda '59
Donald J. Lerch '51
Leo H. Lesperance '50
Donald G. Liddicoat, D.D.S. '55
Robert Malone '52
Robert E. Maunz, D.D.S. '52, '59
Thomas C. Mayer '52, '55
Joseph E. McGrath, Jr. '54
Dorothy M. Menosky '57, '67
Donald V. Milazzo '59
Hugh F. Miles '54
Gerald A. Mitchell '53
John T. Murphy '59
Samuel A. Nehra, D.D.S. '57
Richard A. Novak '58
Sharon (Delaney) O'Connell '58
Julius Palmer '56
Armand A. Palombo '55
Rafael J. Perez '56
Lawrence J. Pfundstein, Jr. '51
Frank Pontello '54
John M. Prieto '54
John J. Prince '52
Clarence Randall, Jr. '50
Guy J. Raymond '56, '60
Raymond J. Reilly, Jr. '53
Karl R. Rock '50
Richard F. Rohr '53
Marvin Rosen, D.D.S. '54
Nicholas J. Ruggero '51
Charles W. Russell, Jr. '59
Leo M. Rutten '58
George M. Saad, Jr. '54
Daniel R. Sheahan '55, '58
Kenneth D. Smith, D.D.S. '52
Thomas F. Stapleton '53
Robert E. Toal, M.D. '53
Jack R. Tischler '55
Richard R. Turkiewicz '51
Richard E. Valois '51
Joan (Lynch) Vellequette '51

William D. Walters, M.D. '50
Patricia (McBride) Webber '53
Chester M. Wiacek '50
Frances A. Wieleba '52
Gerald J. Wojtkowiak '53

1960s

Donald K. Bailey '69
Ray E. Barrett '67
Harvey A. Beaver, D.D.S. '69
Edmund M. Brady Jr. '66
Nicholas A. Chames, D.D.S. '63
Frederick A. Chapman '63
Paul D. Christ '64
Diane Cody '63
Thomas M. Cook, D.D.S. '60
Clarence Crutchfield '63
John L. Dorko '60
Robert T. Francoeur '63
Stanley L. Gates '67
Zenner S. Grzegorek '63
Joan L. Harrison '61
Robert M. Heller, D.D.S. '65
George C. Hinske '67
Norbert J. Hoffman '64
Donald J. Housey '64, '71
Richard L. Janareli '60
Joann (Dudzick) Jancosek '61
Regina (Smith) Jenkins '68
Eugene J. Kaminski '60
Joseph C. Kehoe, D.D.S. '65
Robert L. Kline, D.D.S. '61
Roger R. Kost '65
John E. Lough '63
John P. Maloney '65
Dorothy (Noonan) Mattimoe '66
William G. McAskin '69
Karl J. Mueller '67
Clarence F. Novak '60
Kurt P. Pahl '60
Robert H. Parker '60
Yvonne (Nadeau) Popp '66
Edwin J. Rafferty '61
James P. Reilly '61
Donald L. Ross '66
Donald J. Ruddy '66
John D. Schramm '65
Joseph F. Schumacher '67
Vincent J. Scullin '65
Sr. Clare Frances Shondell '67
Allen Shorr, D.D.S. '63, '71
Clason W. Shumard '65
John L. VanVliet, Jr. '64
Russell B. Whitehead '66
Robert J. Wieske '68, '72
Kathleen (Byrne) Williams '66
John Wirtz '66

1970s

Gilbert J. Bannasch '78
Judene (Mueller) Bartley '70

John E. Bertsch '75
Nettie (Cook) Beville '77
Theodore M. Cronin '71
Marie Decker, O.P. '73
Douglas Degross '73
Robert R. Deneweth '74
E. Brady Denton '71
Patrick H. Deutsch '72
John E. Dewenter '70
Gary W. Gomoll '74
Warren C. Gregory, Jr. '70, '72
Ronald L. Hable '79
Richard L. Jeruzal, D.D.S. '72
Gerald Kushner, D.D.S. '79
Robert J. Lech '74
Sieglinde (Kortye) Mailloux '75
Warren B. Meretsky, D.D.S. '76
John M. Miller '73
Laura G. Newell '71
Michael A. Parcheta '77
Alphonza Phillips '75
Peter D. Pollack '73
Sr. Therese A. Reis '73
Raymond G. Riesterer '72
William A. Sikele '76
William B. Silvis '75
Ethel S. Sinkoff '75
Paul C. Wancour '76, '81
Frederic V. Winter, Jr. '73
Nancy J. Woodard '72
Daniel J. Wright '73

1980s

Roger R. Boelio '81
Douglas A. Chappell '84
Michael G. Cruse '85
Timothy D. Dolan '82
Gregg Glowacz '82, '91
Michael E. Hennessy, D.D.S. '86
WeiChang (Steve) Huang '85
Jane (Dunn) Jackson '83
William J. Mayhew '80
David Mikol '82, '91
Verlyn (Brown) Richards '80
Roy F. Simms '84
Henry E. Slayton, Sr. '82
Patricia (Sloan) Tinney '82
Kathleen S. Veller '80
Mark Vilaboy '82
Gerald S. Wilson '84

1990s

Ralph D. Cushing '99
Warren K. Diegel '94, '96, '99
William C. Dominguez '91
Nicole (Glance) Estella '90, '97
Kaye (Marsack) Hogg '92
Tara (Ervin) McCartney '99
Santie J. McWilliams '97
Eric G. Ulferts '99
Jennifer (Hoffmann) Wozny '94

2000s

David A. Barns '04, '06
Brennan N. Mitchell '07
Betty J. Sellers '02
Rolland S. Vortriede '06, '11

2010s

Kush Sood '12

Faculty and Friends

Theresa Blaquiere, RSM '59, a former member of the UDM Board of Trustees, passed away on Oct. 5, 2012. Sr. Theresa was awarded an Honorary Degree from UDM in 1994.

Nicholas T. Chatas, professor emeritus of Architecture, passed away on Dec. 15, 2012.

David C. Classon, former Computer Center Director at University of Detroit Mercy (1988-1992), died on Feb. 5, 2013.

Walter L. Farrell, S.J., who taught rational psychology at University of Detroit from 1952-53, and was provincial of the Detroit Province from 1965-71, died on July 13, 2012.

Robert Majzler, former staff member in the Campus Ministry Department at University of Detroit, died on Oct. 22, 2012.

James Mosby, Jr. '65, '71, retired associate professor of Economics, College of Liberal Arts & Education, died on Dec. 20, 2012.

Corinne P. Nayer, retired administrative assistant for the Physician Assistant Program, College of Health Professions, died on Dec. 23, 2012.

John D. O'Neill, S.J., professor emeritus of Mathematics & Computer Science, passed away Oct. 28, 2012.

Johannes F. Spreen, former director of the Law Enforcement and Protection Program at Mercy College of Detroit, died on Oct. 5, 2012.

Catherine (Irene) Sweeney, retired secretary to the president, passed away on Jan. 18, 2013.



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A. No. The legislation requires you to reach age 70½ by the date you make the gift.

Q. I have several retirement accounts—some are pensions and some are IRAs. Does it matter which retirement account I use?

A. Yes. Under the legislation, gifts can be made from IRAs. Pension, profit sharing, 401(k), 403(b) and other forms of retirement funds do not fall under this tax legislation.

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Q. Do I need to give my entire IRA to be eligible for the tax benefits?

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- Free class auditing
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 - Join the UDM Alumni Association on LinkedIn
 - Like the UDM Alumni Association page on Facebook
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UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi and Interim Athletic Director Jason Horn (center) stand with the 271 UDM student-athletes and spirit group members who were named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. The group gathered during halftime at the Homecoming game on Jan. 19, 2013.

Nearly 300 UDM student-athletes named to Athletic Director's Honor Roll

The University of Detroit Mercy Athletic Department recognized 271 students for their work in the classroom at halftime of the men's basketball game vs. UIC on Jan. 19.

"It is a great time to be a Titan in the classroom and on the field," said Interim Director of Athletics Jason Horn. "Our academic staff has done a great job of providing the services that our student-athletes need to stay motivated and be successful."

Nearly 500 people attended a reception for the student-athletes and their parents prior to the men's basketball game against UIC. The reception honored those who attained a minimum of a 3.0 GPA

during one of the semesters during the 2012 academic year and earned the Athletic Director's Honor Roll accolade. The list includes individuals from every varsity sport and also spirit group members including the pep band, dance, and cheer squad to total 271 members.

"This is a great opportunity for us to recognize the work that our student-athletes do in the classroom and outside of athletics," said Amy Gasahl, academic coordinator & assistant director of compliance. "We have a number of athletes who perform very well in the classroom, and they are good representatives for UDM Athletics."